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Dear Editor,

Your story "Who's Best Bet To Win The Big Game" in the December issue was quite unfair to one pitcher in particular—Juan Marichal. Seaver and Gibson might be better but I think you should give him the recognition he deserves. He picked up his 200th victory this year. Last year he was the ERA leader. He's one of the lifetime leaders in winning percentage which is what your article is really about.

Roy Herbst, East Northport, N.Y.

(Ed. Several readers wrote in support of Marichal.)

Dear Editor,

I have recently read your "Rating The Quarterbacks" story in the December issue and I find it absolutely absurd that Bart Starr is ranked No. 8 and John Unitas No. 5. First of all it is ridiculous to rate young quarterbacks so high. I am referring of course to Joe Namath, Greg Cook, Daryle Lamonica, Roman Gabriel.

Then there is Joe Kapp. Probably the only reason he's listed is because he won an NFL championship. Without the team "Injun Joe" is not even good enough to make No. 10. His passes look like a wounded duck and without good receivers they would never be caught.

As far as your other entries are concerned, they're excellent. Sonny Jurgensen undoubtedly deserves No. 1. The accomplishments he has made with an inferior team are fantastic. But Bart Starr should be No. 2. He is the most efficient and effective passer in the game. He executes almost flawlessly. He is easily the most brilliant quarterback the game has ever seen. Len Dawson should be No. 3. He seems to be almost an exact counterpart to Starr in every respect, but he lacks the consistent efficiency which is such a Starr trademark. John Unitas should be No. 4. It is unfair to rank him No. 5 behind Joe Namath, of all people, yet he should not be any better than No. 4. He is the greatest passer as far as statistics go but Starr and Dawson possess a greater amount of qualities for success. Fran Tarkenton has found himself in the same situation as Sonny Jurgensen much of the time. But he tends to hurry his throws at times and ruins his passing effectiveness. He should be ranked No. 5.

Make sure not to overlook these facts before your magazine makes such a stupid rating, completely unfounded on facts.

Thomas J. Eisenman,
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Dear Editor,

Recently, Tom Nisson of Eureka, Calif., said that he thought Willie McCovey is the best fielding first baseman. There is no doubt that Willie is definitely a great hitter but he is just not comparable to Wes Parker in fielding. The Dodger is so smooth and graceful. He makes fantastic plays seem effortless. You have to see him to believe his glove. Wes has three Gold Gloves and made only *one* error in all of 1968. Wes is one in a million. He's become a great hitter also.

L.T., Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Editor,

Come on! Give us baseball fans a treat by doing a feature story on Frank Howard, by far the best baseball player today. No many people can boast these totals for two years—92 HRs and 217 RBI's.

J.D., Annandale, Va.

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate an article on the best defensive end in football today, Carl Eller. If you would just stop and look at his "stats" you would see how good he is. Bill Brown and Oscar Brown also deserve recognition.

Kevin Henseler, Yankton, S.D.

Dear Editor,

I think Vada Pinson of the Cleveland Indians is very underrated. His batting average was around .290 and he should have made the All-Star team.

I would also like to announce my poll on the all-time Cleveland Indians All-Star team. Readers are to select three outfielders, four infielders, two catchers and three pitchers and the year in which they think their picks were at their best. Write to Joe Konrardy, 860 Wilder Avenue, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

Dear Editor,

How come Sonny Siebert of the Boston Red Sox was not in "Who's Who In The Majors?" He has been one of the top pitchers for the last few years.

Dale Estes, LeMars, Ia.

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about somebody you did not have in your 1970 "Who's Who In The Majors?" article. You did not have Gaylord Perry of the San Francisco Giants. He won 19 games in 1969 and was a 20-game winner this year. If you have somebody like Danny Walton, who hadn't even played a full season before this one, and Chris Short, who pitched in only two games in 1969, then you should have somebody like Gaylord Perry.

Terry King, Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Editor,

I think the All-Star team that follows is superior to any other team in existence: Juan Marichal (when healthy), Johnny Bench, Orlando Cepeda, Rod Carew (when healthy), Luis Aparicio, Tony Perez, Hank Aaron, Roberto Clemente and Tony Oliva. This team not only offers home run power but an awful lot of base hits from Oliva and Clemente. Ron Perranoski would be my relief pitcher and Pete Rose and Rico Carty my pinch hitters.

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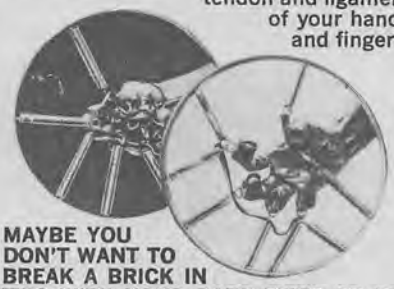

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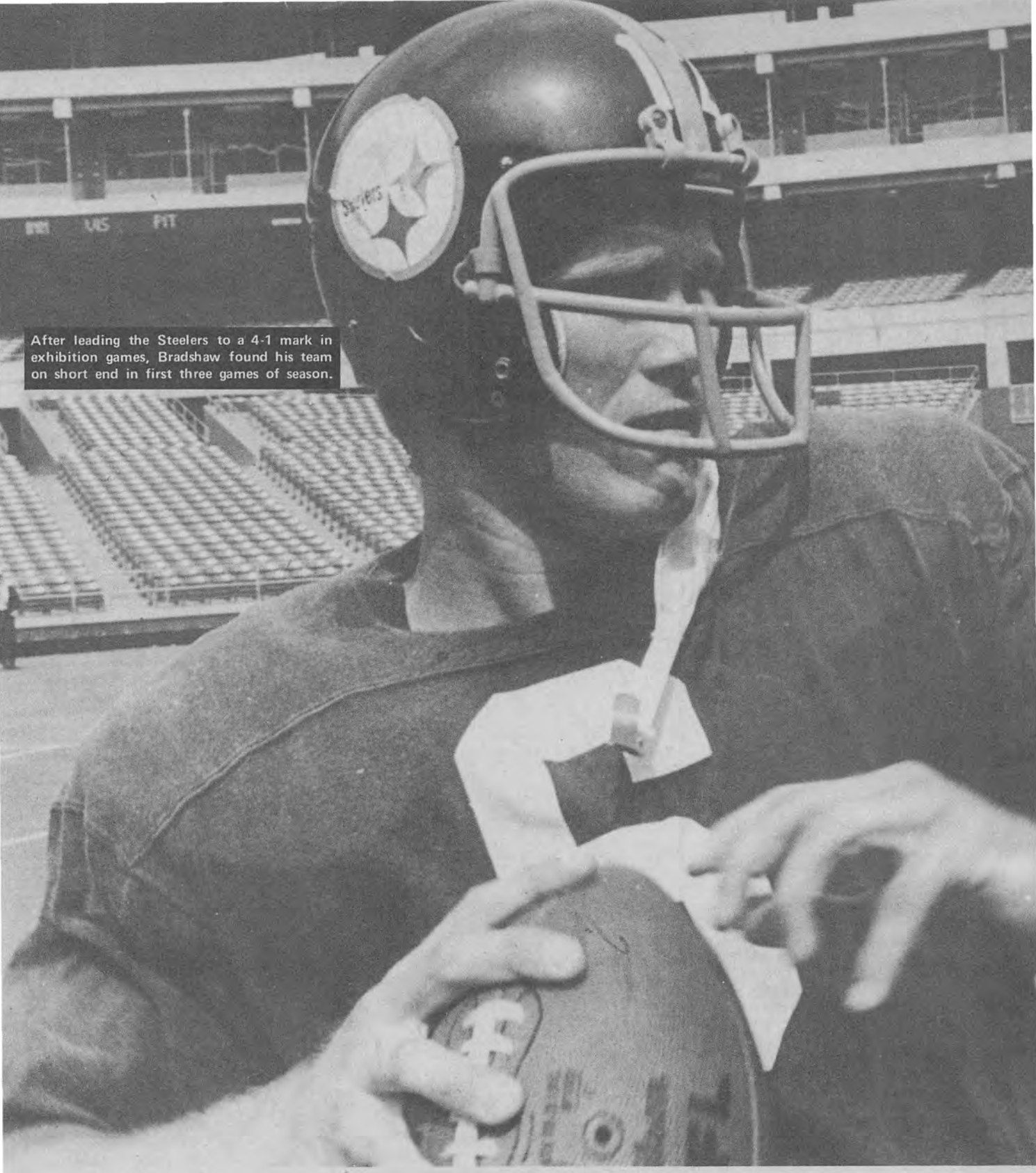


After leading the Steelers to a 4-1 mark in exhibition games, Bradshaw found his team on short end in first three games of season.

By PAUL DONLEY

● "Terry Bradshaw just may be the best quarterback I ever saw."

"Bradshaw is the best to come along since Joe Namath. Quick feet, size, guts, intelligent and a strong arm."

"He's a big Sammy Baugh. One of the best I've seen in a long, long time."

"I never saw a kid with more poise. He makes a lot of veteran quarterbacks look like novices."

"The best prospect since Namath."

"He had a better arm than Sammy Baugh in college."

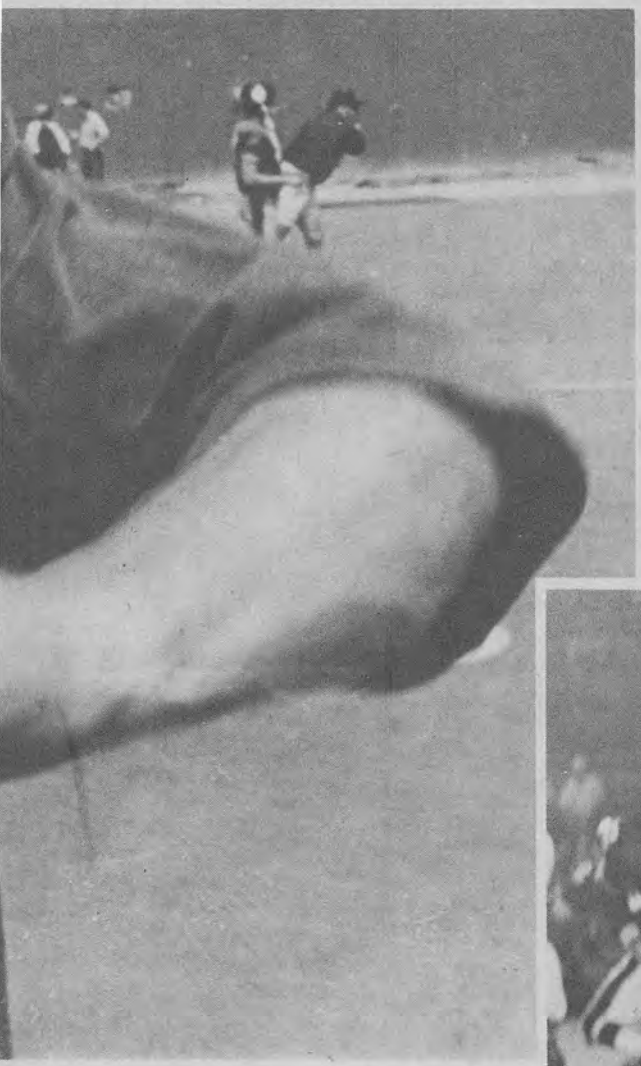
The raves about Terry Bradshaw, alias the Blond Bomber, Terry Terrific, the Rifleman, Terrible Terry, swept across the land like a runaway prairie fire last Fall. It was a foregone conclusion that the big handsome, 6-foot-3, 215-pound kid from Shreveport, La. with the yellow hair, blue eyes and snub nose was going to be the No. 1 pick in the professional draft.

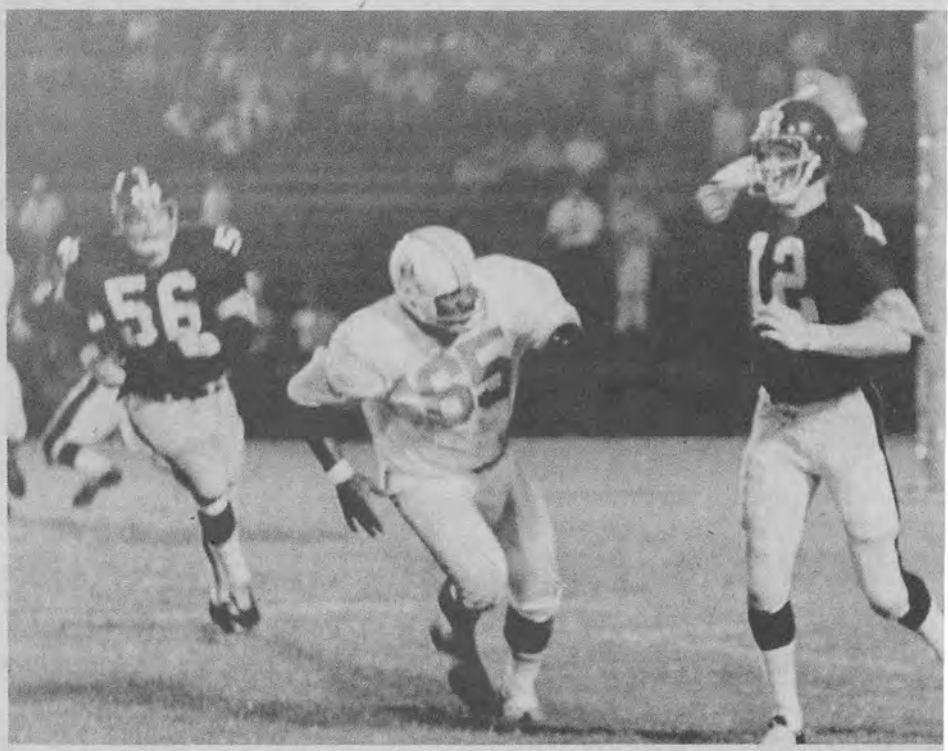
They called him Lil' Abner in shoulder pads, a friendly young bachelor with the boy-next-door image who dated Miss Teenage America and went around

Bradshaw (12) is chased by Oakland lineman Tom Keating (74) in Steelers' exhibition win.

CAN TERRY BRADSHAW UNSEAT NAMATH-STARR-DAWSON, ETC?

His talent and attitude mark him as an instant winner. But it will take more.





Bradshaw (12) eluded tough Houston Antwine (65) of the Boston Patriots in getting a pass off. Terry threw two touchdown passes and scored one himself in beating the Pats, 31-3.

the country making appearances for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes with the "Gol-lee" approach.

When the Steelers, whose coach Chuck Noll drafted him "because we feel he was the very best athlete in the country" finally got around to talking money with Terry and his lawyer-agent, they shelled out a reported $300,000.

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Frazier, driving against Seattle here, averaged 20.9 points and had 8.2 assists per game last season. He was named to the NBA All-Star first team as the Big O was dropped for first time.

● "Dee-fense," roar the basketball-mad fans in Madison Square Garden, and everytime Walt Frazier steals a ball, most of the usual sellout crowds of 19,500 stand and cheer.

It was the defense—often a relentless, pressing charge led by the swift-handed, sure-footed Knick guard—that carried the New Yorkers to their first National Basketball Association championship in 24 years last spring.

In just three seasons, Frazier had gained the distinction of playing on a pro championship team. After two seasons, the critics hailed him as a "coming Oscar Robertson." After three seasons we say Walt, at 25, is a better all-around player than Oscar Robertson at 32.

To basketball fans that may sound like heresy. Oscar Robertson has his chance this season to prove us wrong. A non-winner in 10 high-scoring seasons with the Cincinnati Royals, a stickout on the NBA's All-Star first team for nine straight years and a member of the second team last year—a bitter, frustrating year for this all-time great—the Big O has a chance at last to come out a winner with the Milwaukee Bucks.

It should be a memorable year of matchups between the two quarterbacking whizzes that should delight fans from coast to coast.

Frazier has gained his reputation as the playmaker deluxe on an unselfish team where the big thrill is not just to score but to hit the open man. This is nothing new in big league basketball. The Boston Celtics, under the shrewd guidance of Red Auerbach and the masterful wizardry of Bill Russell, won 12 titles in 14 years by accenting the defense and maneuvering to spring a man in the clear.

Robertson, although regarded as a basketball genius by most observers, has been rapped often for over-controlling the ball. It may be undeserved. The Big Cat, who holds the NBA record for assists, has the chance to prove his critics wrong as he teams up with the fabulous 7-2 Lew Alcindor.

Anyone who follows the NBA knows that no team wins any more without a stickout center. Frazier is fortunate to team up with a standout pivot in Willis Reed, another unselfish player and the Most Valuable Player of the league and the MVP of the championship playoffs last spring.

Before New York and Reed, the last 12 teams that won the title had super centers. The Boston Celtics won 11 of them with Bill Russell. The one break in that big string was made by Philadelphia in 1967 when Wilt Chamberlain was with the 76ers.

In 1958, St. Louis won the title with a team built around Bob Pettit, the big forward, but the Hawks were aided when Russell injured an ankle in the playoffs. In the season before that, the Celtics won in Russell's rookie year. Before Russell, the Minneapolis Lakers won five out of six times when Big George Mikan was in his prime.

Robertson never has had a top center

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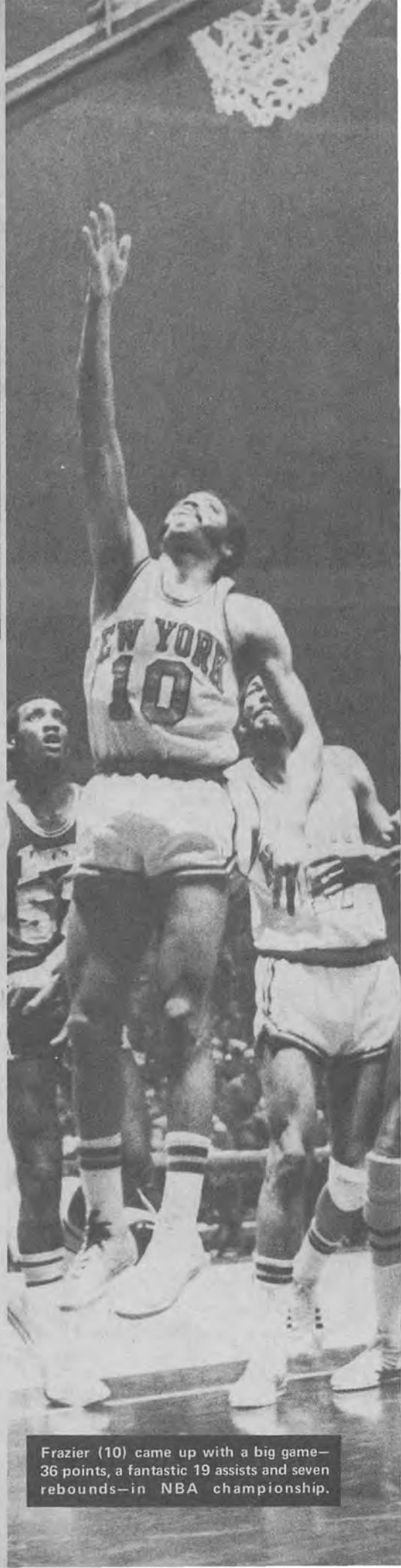
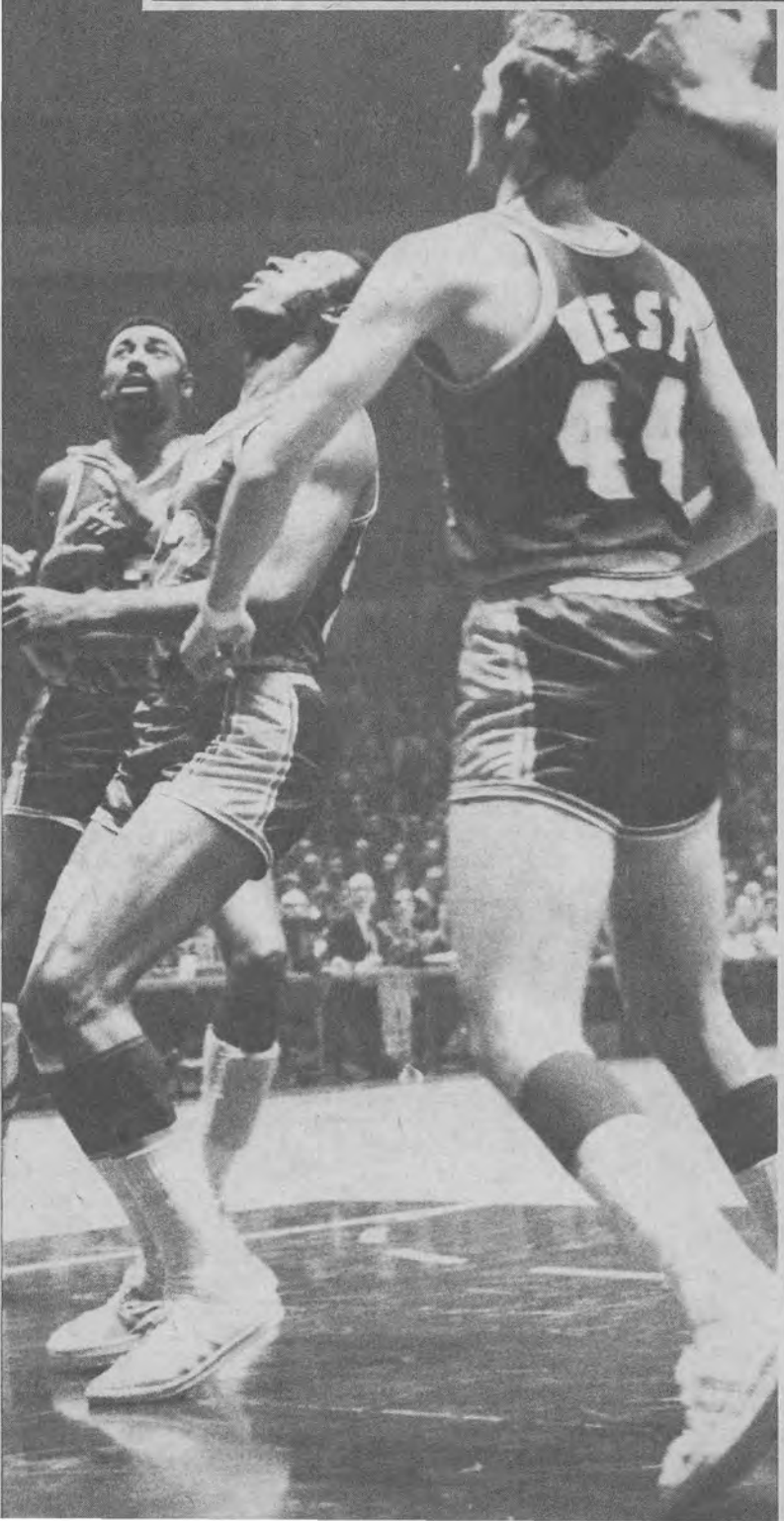


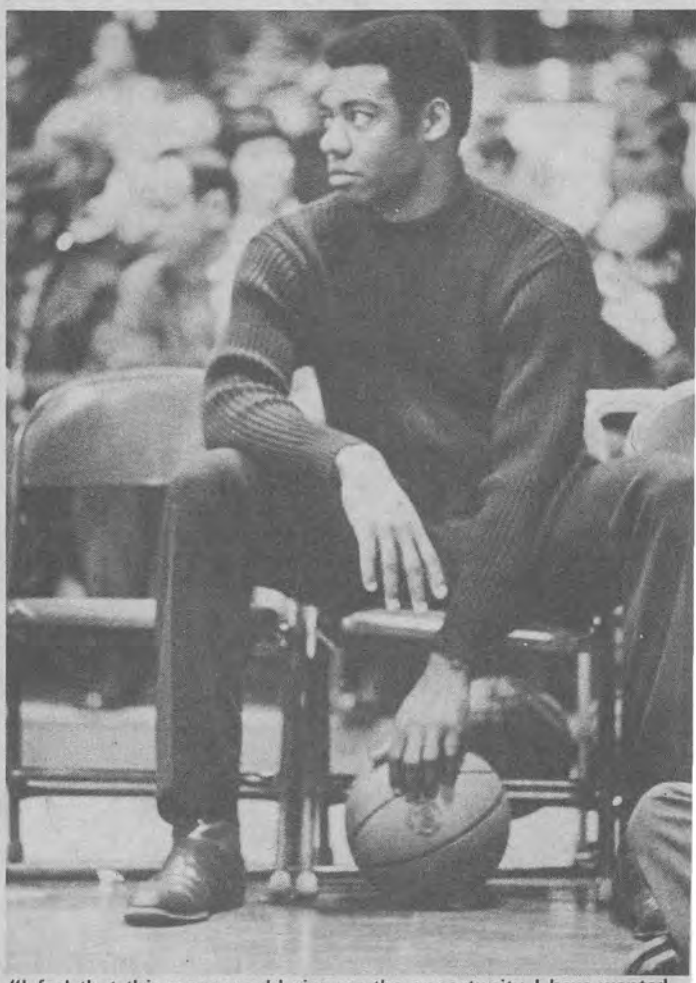
Frazier (10) came up with a big game—36 points, a fantastic 19 assists and seven rebounds—in NBA championship.

WHY WALT FRAZIER RATES OVER THE BIG O

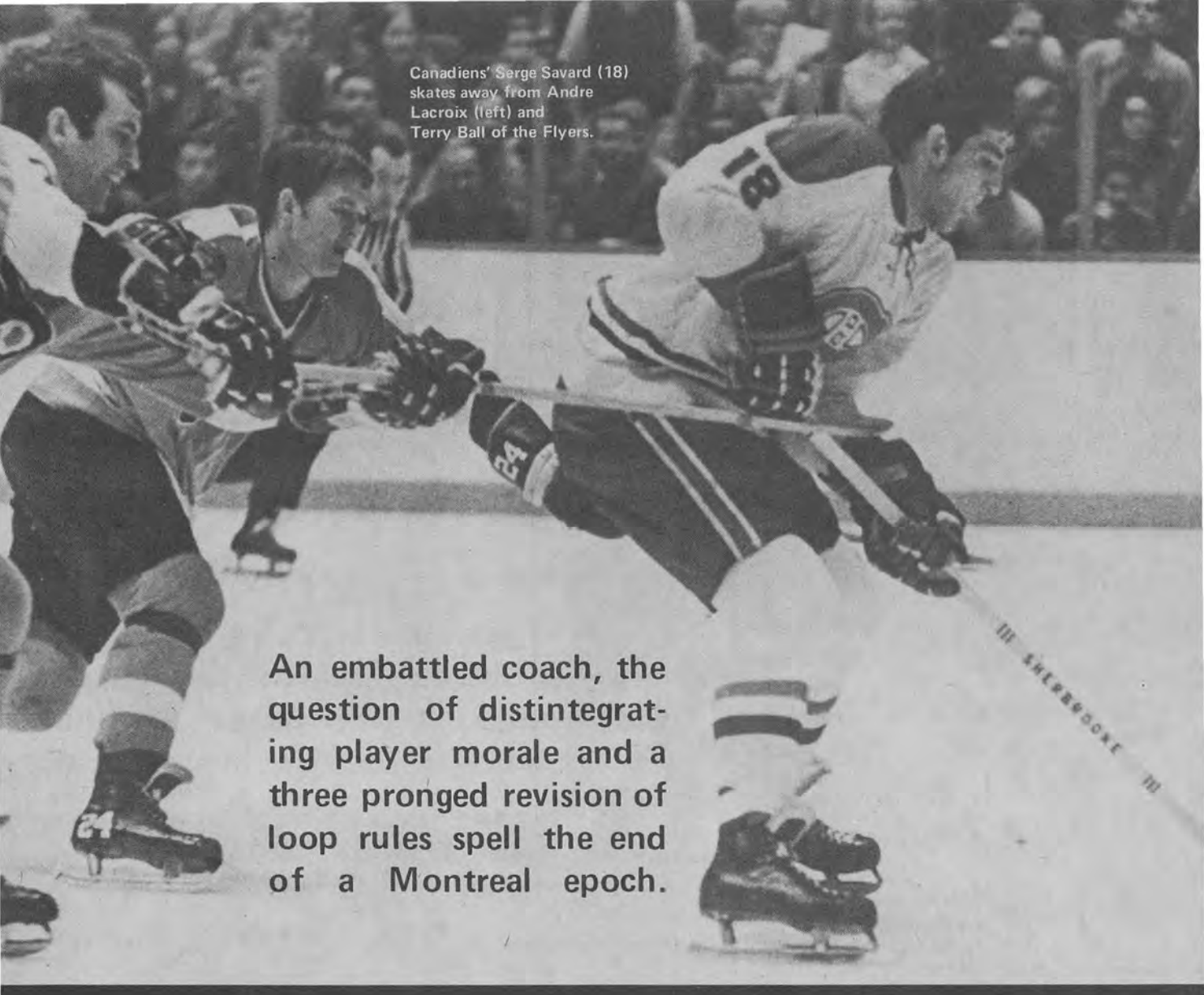
By MURRAY ROSE

The Celtics had it once. "Clyde's" giving it to the Knicks now. It wins NBA titles and is more important than statistics.





"I feel that this move would give me the opportunity I have wanted since my career began," says Robertson, about his trade to Bucks.



Canadiens' Serge Savard (18) skates away from Andre Lacroix (left) and Terry Ball of the Flyers.

An embattled coach, the question of distintegrating player morale and a three pronged revision of loop rules spell the end of a Montreal epoch.

● There is a man, a French-Canadian no doubt, who amuses himself during Quebec's frigid winters by bringing a bugle along with him when he comes into town twice a week for the hockey games in the Montreal Forum.

As the sellout crowd scurries into the arena, the man blows a few test toots on his horn. Then, a moment before gametime, as the Canadiens take the ice, the bugler lets go with a beautiful rendition of "Charge."

If he wants to stay in style, he'd better get the sheet music to "Taps."

In the upper reaches of the Forum, Montreal's 20th century hockey shrine, another fan usually waits until the club has a comfortable lead late in the final period to do his thing. He stands and starts a rythmic chant—"Les Canadiens sont la"—meaning, "the Canadiens are there."

Last year though, the Canadiens were nowhere.

April is a beautiful time of year in Quebec and Montreal citizens usually spend their time thawing out from the frigid winter by cheering the Canadiens to the Stanley Cup.

Sports fans are creatures of habit. They like to know they can depend on certain things. And in the National Hockey League, no team has been more dependable than the Montreal Canadiens.

No NHL team has captured the cherished Stanley Cup more often than the Canadiens, who have sipped champagne from the old mug a record 16 times. There was a stretch of 21 consecutive seasons during which the Canadiens were good enough to qualify for the playoffs and in 10 of those years, the club went all the way to win the Cup.

Then came 1969-70.

The Canadiens, with four Stanley Cups in the previous five years, were pre-season favorities—and why not?—to repeat their annual April run to glory. Their cast was much the same as the successful one that had been methodically destroying the ambitions of other teams every spring. So why not again?

The team had accumulated a record 103 points en route to the divisional title and the Cup. General Manager Sam Pollock was so satisfied with the performance that he made virtually no personnel changes at all. The Canadiens, it seemed, were solid.

But there were cracks, ever so thin but cracks nevertheless, in the giants' armor. It started in goal where Gump Worsley got into a hassle with Coach Claude Ruel that led first to his retirement from hockey and later to his trade to Minnesota. Then there were discipline problems with other players who resented Ruel's tendency to call sudden and unplanned workouts. Then there were injuries to key men like John Ferguson and Serge Savard. Then there was age creeping up on guys like Jean Beliveau and Claude Provost.

And when April rolled around, the Canadiens found themselves in fifth place and out of the playoffs. It is true that they missed by the slimmest of margins—four less goals scored over the

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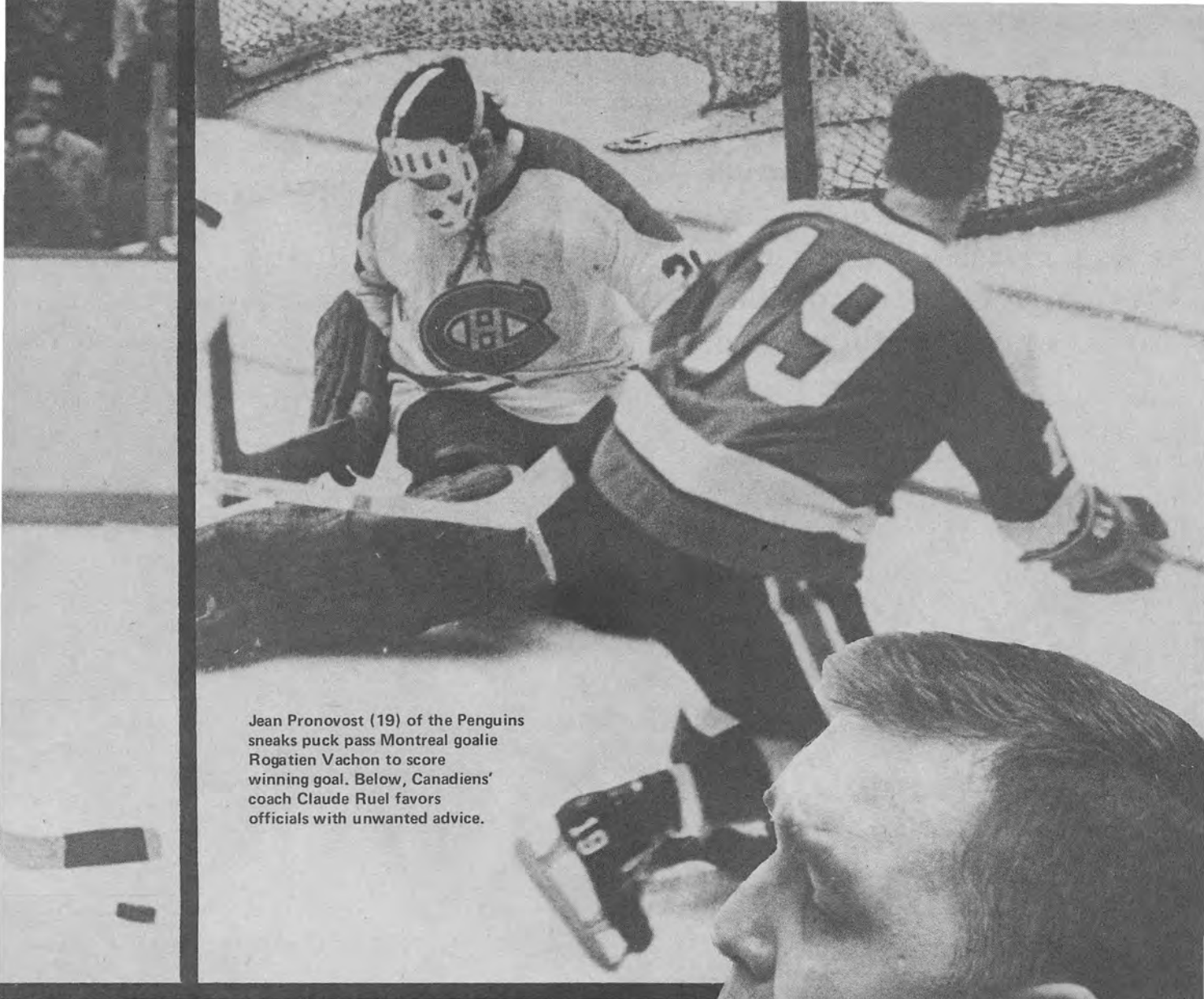

Jean Pronovost (19) of the Penguins sneaks puck pass Montreal goalie Rogatien Vachon to score winning goal. Below, Canadiens' coach Claude Ruel favors officials with unwanted advice.

THERE'S BIG TROUBLE AHEAD FOR THE CANADIENS

By HAL BOCK

They've earned nicknames like Animal, Madman, Mean Green and Contact. Their job —create terror through controlled savagery. Here's how they go all out to accomplish their main gridiron goal.

"The Enforcer," middle linebacker Dick Butkus (51) of Bears, stops Travis Williams of Green Bay on one-yard line.

Alex Karras (71) of Lions, causing Rams' Roman Gabriel (18) to fumble ball, declares that "I hate all quarterbacks."

After 13 years with Packers Ray Nitschke (66) still makes jarring tackles like this one on Raiders' Hewritt Dixon.

Although Ben Davidson, clobbering Joe Namath here, has a reputation as a formidable head hunter, he describes himself as "easy going" guy who plays for money.

IN THE PIT THE TEN MEANEST PROS IN ACTION

By RENO RAGAZZI

● The scene is any Sunday afternoon from September to January. Out of the huddle comes the offensive team. The quarterback eyes the defense as he barks the signals, watching the linebackers juggle for position. The ball is snapped and the passer drops back quickly behind a protective curtain of blockers.

And here they come. Maybe it's the outside linebackers in a blitz. Or maybe it's a safety blitz. More likely it's the front four, each about 6-foot-5 and over 250 pounds, zooming in on their target.

The passer knows he has only split seconds to make his move. Either he is going to spot a receiver and zoom a pass. Or he is going to be buried under a half ton of muscle intent on removing his head from his shoulders and the ball from his grasp.

The front four, whether they're the Purple Gang from Minnesota, the Doomsday Defense from Dallas or the Fearsome Foursome for Los Angeles, has has one thing in mind–GET THE QUARTERBACK.

Jim Marshall, the blithe spirit who is the dean of the Purple Gang, sums it up best when he expresses the defensive lineman's philosophy:

"The plan is for the four of us to meet at one point–the quarterback."

The controlled violence of pro football is an integral part of the game. Every quarterback, every fleet receiver, every flashy runner knows the defense is out to get him.

Maybe Mrs. Bill Nelsen, wife of the Cleveland Browns' quarterback, overreacted early in the 1970 season after her husband was knocked out of action in a game at San Francisco. But Nelsen who has had all the cartilage in both of his knees removed in four previous operations, had been hit on the knee again and Mrs. Nelsen naturally was quite upset.

"I don't want him to play football anymore," she said. I'd like to be a normal housewife. I'd like to settle down to the real business of life.

"I no longer get goosebumps before a game or get a thrill when somebody asks Bill for an autograph. Maybe it's maturity. In college football is all rah-rah and pompons and suddenly it becomes a serious cutthroat business.

"The 'hate' and the 'kill' of pro football shake you up. I am a very emotional and sensitive person and I am bothered by these things. After eight years of pro football, I'm drained of emotion. Waiting for the inevitable is upsetting. It's like waiting for the hatchet."

No professional or college football player sets out deliberately to maim an opponent. But they are trained to crack down hard and let the passer, receiver or runner know they are there.

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By MIKE BRETT

HAS THE CLOCK RUN OUT ON WILT CHAMBERLAIN?

● Is this the last time around the National Basketball Association for Wilt Chamberlain? Is the basketball clock running out on the fabulous giant?

At 34, with 11 seasons and a book full of records to his credit, the 7-foot-2, 285-pound strongman of the game seems to be nearing the end of the string. Actually, if things had gone according to Wilt's plan, the Goliath of the courts might have been gone already from the public's view, leaving the fans to ponder and argue on just how good Wilt Chamberlain was, or how much better he could have been, in his long run in the NBA.

With Camberlain you could figure just "one more time"—or just one more championship—and it would be all over for the controversial, often maligned skyscraper. It's been close but there's been no cigar for the big man for so many years and so he chugs on, hoping to grab the elusive gold ring once more.

Maybe even then he won't pack it in. Several new factors have come up that could keep the stork-like giant in action, piling up more and more points on a record that could last at least a generation.

The reasons? Money and Lew Alcindor. The first is for the solid security that every man desires and few achieve. The second is the challenge of the latest young gunner.

"They're always coming up to challenge the fastest gun," said Bill Russell shortly before he ended his brilliant career with the perennial champion Boston Celtics. "You can get awfully tired of it." When the famed defensive wizard called it a career, the Celtics' dynasty crumbled.

There is no Los Angeles Lakers' dynasty to crumble. Seven playoff finals and seven defeats, that's the story of the Lakers before and with Wilt. Heck, they'll call one championship a dynasty.

But Wilt, who opened the golden gates for the new millionaires in basketball and in other team sports, oddly enough for a guy making in the plush neighborhood of $250,00 a year, has a money problem.

"I lost in 10 days on the stock market what it took me 10 years to accumulate," he was quoted during the big stock market depression in the spring of 1970. "I may have to play until I'm 40."

Up until then Chamberlain'spolicy has been "one year at a time," even though he signed a three-year contract with two option years when he was traded by Philadelphia to Los Angeles on Junly 9, 1968 for Darrall Imhoff, Archie Clark and Jerry Chambers.

He is working on the third year of the contract. There are two options for single years.

Wilt recognizes Alcindor's talent and his potential. "There's no question he is very, very good," says Wilt, "But in this league you have to prove yourself over a period of time. You have to take a lot of pounding when you stand real tall, more so than if you were a half a foot or a foot shorter."

But the coming of Alcindor already has affected Chamberlain—and favorably. Before he was the Goliath of the game, and, as he often complained: "No one likes a Goliath. They all root for the Davids."

At 7-2, Wilt could hardly be a David. Now, however, Alcindor, 7-2 and seemingly at least 7-6 in his Afro-American hairstyle—appears to have taken over the Goliath role in the eyes of most of the fans.

There is more sympathy and understanding for Wilt. And don't think Wilt doesn't like it. Despite his seeming aloofness, the giant is as sensitive as the

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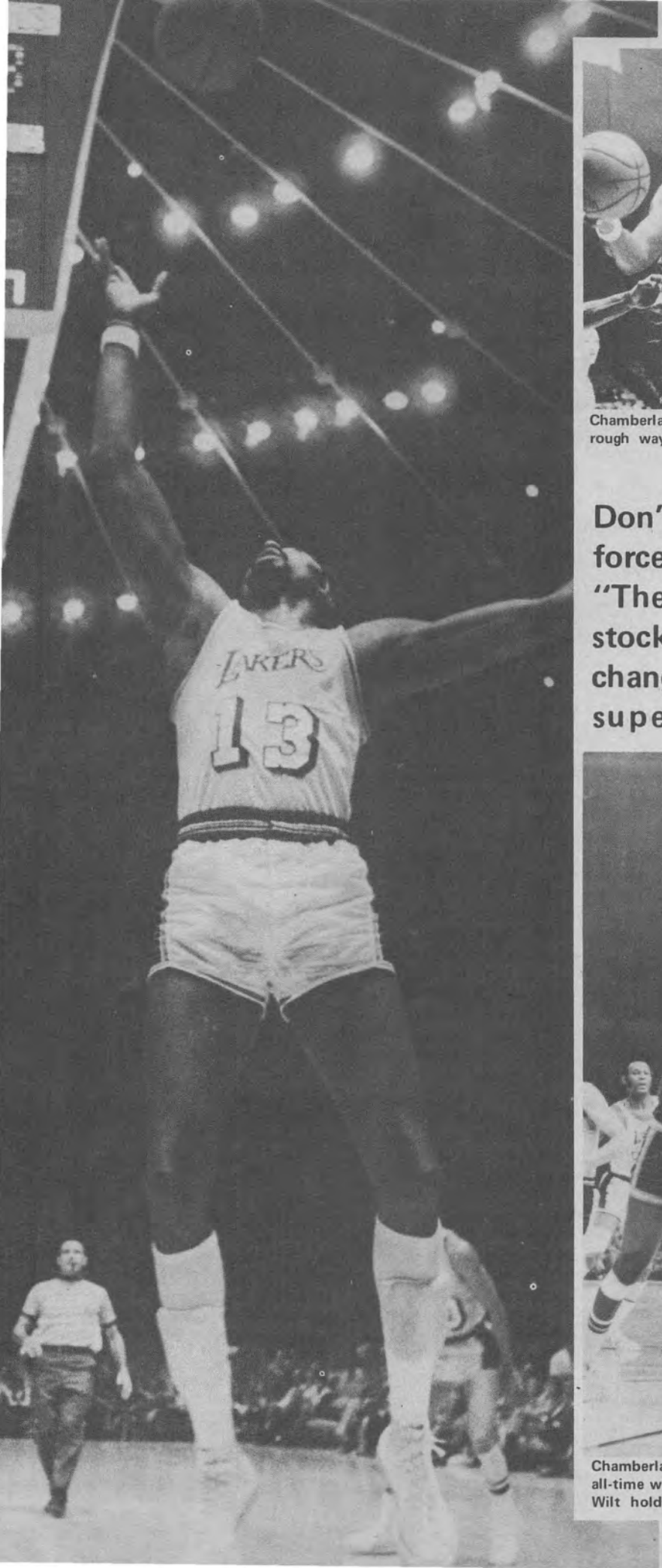
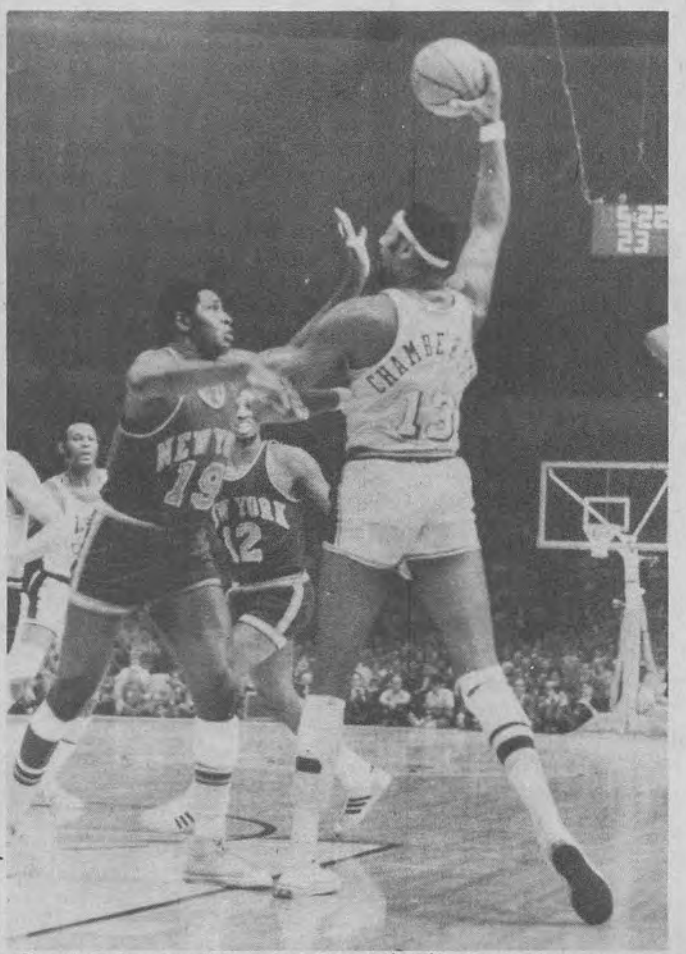


Chamberlain blocked Bill Turner of the San Francisco Warriors the rough way after the latter attempted to steal the ball from Wilt.

Don't bet on it. There are new forces being brought to bear on "The Stilt." They include big stock market losses, a sudden change in fan attitude and a super-star named Alcindor.



Chamberlain, shooting against Royals (left)is the greatest scorer of all-time with 27,426 points. Above, guarded by Knicks' Willis Reed, Wilt holds ball high over his head as the Lakers set up play.

TOO MUCH BROOKS ROBINSON, TOO MUCH EVERYTHING
THE 1970 WORLD SERIES STORY

A human vacuum cleaner at third base and solid bats and arms foiled Big Red.

The contoversial play of the Series occurred in the first game when Bernie Carbo, trying to score from third, had his way to plate blocked by ump Ken Burkhart and was ruled out.

Sparky Anderson, the manager of the beaten Cincinnati Reds, said it all when he came into the Baltimore clubhouse to congratulate the world champion Baltimore Orioles after the fifth game of the World Series:

"The best team won," said Sparky. And then, pointing towards Brooks Robinson, he added with a grin, "Somebody ought to shoot this guy."

In years to come they will remember the 1970 classic as the Brooks Robinson World Series. The human vacuum cleaner did it all with his glove and bat, robbing the Reds of base hits and hitting a gaudy .429. The veteran third baseman who had only one hit in 19 trips against the Mets in 1969 more than made up for it at the Reds' expense.

"You think you've seen the greatest play ever made," said Oriole manager Earl Weaver," and the next day he comes out and pulls a better one."

Johnny Bench who lost at least three base hits because of Robinson's acrobatics at third base commented "Pie Traynor may have been better but he was before my time. I never saw anything like this guy."

There were heroes galore for the Orioles who had spent last winter trying to explain how they had lost to the Mets. Mike Cuellar, despite an aching shoulder, went the route in the fifth and final game. Dave McNally also pitched a complete game in the third contest and added a grand slam home run, the first ever hit by a pitcher in a World Series. Paul Blair hit .474, Elrod Hendricks won the second game with a two-run double. Davey Johnson batted .313. Frank Robinson, Boog Powell and Brooksie each hit two home runs.

The Big Bad Orioles who had run away from the field in the American League and then polished off the Minnesota Twins in three straight were riding a 17-game winning streak that dates back to Sept. 19 until they finally were stopped in the fourth game. When they closed out the Reds in the fifth game, they had won 18 of their last 19 and 26 of the last 30.

Pitching problems plagued the Big Red Machine from Cincinnati. Injuries kept Wayne Simpson, their 14-3 rookie sensation, out of the Series as well as the three-straight sweep over Pittsburgh in the National League playoffs. Jim Merritt, their 20-game winner, had seen only limited service since early September because of arm trouble and was far from himself in his lone Series start. Except for Clay Carroll, the Reds' bullpen failed to stand up against the Orioles.

Jim Palmer, Mike Cuellar and Dave McNally, with some notable relief help from Dick Hall, Moe Drabowsky, Pete Richert and Marcelino Lopez were able to restrain the slugging Reds to a .213 team average, as compared to .270 in regular season. The Red Machine that hit 191 homers in the National League hit only five against the Orioles while the American Leaguers slugged ten and batted a robust .292.

Bobby Tolan who sparkled against the Pirates in the playoffs was held to .211 and Johnny Bench hit the same low average. Tony Perez, who hit 40 homers and drove in 129 in regular season, had one hit in 18 at bats for a disappointing .056 with no extra base hits.

After a rocky first inning in which the Reds scored three runs, Oriole pitcher Mike Cuellar settled down and cut down the Big Red Machine in final game, 9-3.

Lee May, alone of all the vaunted Cincinnati sluggers, did himself proud with two homers, eight RBI's and a .389 average. His homer in the eighth inning of the fourth game, coming with two on, gave the Reds their only win. Hal

REDS

	*b.av.	g.	ab.	r	h.	2b.	3b	hr.	tb.	bb.	so.	rbi	s.av.	po.	a	e.	f.av.
**Rose, rf	.316	5	20	2	5	1	0	1	9	2	0	0	.250	14	1	1	.938
Tolan, cf	.316	5	19	5	4	1	0	1	8	3	2	1	.211	4	0	1	.800
Perez, 3b	.317	5	18	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	.056	4	13	1	.944
Bench, c	.293	5	19	3	4	0	0	1	7	1	2	3	.211	37	3	0	1.000
May, 1b	.253	5	18	6	7	2	0	2	15	2	2	8	.389	47	2	0	1.000
d-Carbo, lf	.310	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	.000	3	0	0	1.000
McRae, lf	.248	3	11	1	5	2	0	0	7	0	1	3	.455	2	1	0	1.000
Helms, 2b	.237	5	18	1	4	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	.222	10	14	0	1.000
f-Woodward, ss	.223	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.200	4	5	0	1.000
a-Cline	.277	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0	.000
Chaney, ss	.232	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	2	0	1.000
Concepcion, ss	.260	3	9	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	3	.333	2	2	0	1.000
c-Stewart	.267	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Nolan, p	(18-7)	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Carroll, p	(9-4)	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
b-Bravo	.277	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
McGlothlin, p	(14-10)	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Wilcox, p	(3-1)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Gullett, p	(5-2)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Cloninger, p	(9-7)	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Granger, p	(6-5)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Merritt, p	(20-12)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Washburn, p	(4-4)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	1.000
l-Corrales	.236	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.270	5	164	20	35	6	1	5	58	15	23	20	.213	129	50	3	.984

**Awarded first on catcher's interference in first game.
a-Reached first on fielder's choice for Woodward in 6th of 1st; singled for Woodward in 7th of 2d; hit into force for Gullett in 9th of 3d.
b-Fanned for Carroll in 9th of 1st; sacrificed for Carroll in 7th of 2d; popped out for Woodward in 7th of 4th; walked for Wilcox in 5th of 5th.
c-Fanned for Chaney in 9th of 1st; flied out for Gullett in 9th of 2d.
d-Grounded out for Chaney in 4th of 2d; hit into double play for Cloninger in 7th of 5th.
f-Singled for Granger in 7th of 3d.
l-Grounded out for McRae in 9th of 5th.

ORIOLES

	*b.av.	g.	ab.	r	h.	2b.	3b	hr.	tb.	bb.	so.	rbi	s.av.	po.	a	e.	f.av.
Buford, lf	.272	4	15	3	4	0	0	1	7	3	2	1	.267	6	0	0	1.000
Blair, cf	.267	5	19	5	9	1	0	0	10	2	4	3	.474	18	0	1	.947
Powell 1b	.297	5	17	6	5	1	0	2	12	5	2	5	.294	38	2	0	1.000
F. Robinson, rf	.306	5	22	5	6	0	0	2	12	0	4	4	.273	6	0	0	1.000
B. Robinson, 3b	.276	5	21	5	9	2	0	2	17	0	2	6	.429	10	14	1	.960
Hendricks, c	.242	3	11	1	4	1	0	1	7	1	2	4	.364	17	2	1	.950
Johnson, 2b	.281	5	16	2	5	2	0	0	7	5	2	2	.313	15	9	0	1.000
Belanger, ss	.218	5	19	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	.105	11	14	1	.962
Etchebarren, c	.243	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	.143	10	0	1	.909
Palmer, p	(20-10)	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	.143	0	0	0	.000
Richert, p	(7-2)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Cuellar, p	(24-8)	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Phoebus, p	(5-5)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
e-Salmon	.250	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	.000
Drabowsky, p	(5-4)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Lopez, p	(1-1)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Hall,p	(10-5)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
McNally, p	(24-9)	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	2	4	.250	0	1	0	1.000
g-Crowley	.257	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
h-Rettenmund, lf	.322	2	5	2	2	0	0	1	5	1	0	2	.400	3	0	0	1.000
Watt, p	(7-7)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.257	5	171	33	50	7	0	10	85	20	32	32	.292	135	43	5	.973

*Season's average.
e-Singled for Phoebus in 5th of 2d.
g-Grounded out for Belanger in 9th of 4th.
h-Reached on an error for Drabowsky in 9th of 4th.

REDS PITCHING

	G	CG	IP	H	R	BB	SO	HBP	WP	W	L	Pct.	ER	ERA
Nolan	2	0	9⅓	9	8	3	9	0	0	0	1	.000	8	7.71
Carroll	4	0	9	5	0	2	11	0	0	1	0	1.000	0	0.00
McGlothlin	1	0	4⅓	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	.000	4	8.30
Gullett	3	0	6⅔	5	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1.35
Wilcox	2	0	2	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	.000	2	9.00
Cloninger	2	0	7⅓	10	6	5	4	0	0	0	1	.000	6	7.36
Granger	2	0	1⅓	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	5	33.75
Merritt	1	0	1⅔	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000	4	21.60
Washburn	1	0	1⅓	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	13.50
Totals	5	0	43	50	38	20	32	0	0	1	4	.200	32	6.70

ORIOLES PITCHING

	G	CG	IP	H	R	BB	SO	HBP	WP	W	L	Pct.	ER	ERA
Palmer	2	0	15⅔	11	8	9	9	0	1	1	0	1.000	8	4.59
Richert	1	0	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Cuellar	2	1	11⅓	10	7	2	5	0	0	1	0	1.000	4	3.18
Phoebus	1	0	1⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1.000	0	0.00
Drabowsky	2	0	3⅓	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2.70
Lopez	1	0	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
Hall	1	0	2⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.00
McNally	1	1	9	9	3	2	5	0	0	1	0	1.000	3	3.00
Watt	1	0	1	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	.000	1	9.00
Totals	5	2	45	35	20	15	23	0	1	4	1	.800	17	3.40

Cincinnati	7	2	4		0	1	1		2	3	0	— 20
Baltimore	4	3	6		3	8	5		2	2	0	— 33

Left on bases—Reds 28, Orioles 31. Stolen base—Tolan. Caught stealing—by Bench 2 Blair (Blair, Johnson); Hendricks 1 (Tolan). Sacrifices—Nolan, Bravo, Blair, Cuellar. Sacrifice Fly—Concepcion. Double plays—Reds 4 (May-Woodward-May; Woodward-Helms-May; Woodward-May; Bench-Helms); Baltimore 3 (B. Robinson-Johnson-Powell; B. Robinson-Powell; Cuellar-Belanger-Powell). Save—Richert, Hall. Winning Pitchers—Palmer, Phoebus, McNally, Carroll. Losing Pitchers—Nolan, Wilcox, Cloninger, Watt. Times—2:24; 2:26; 2:09; 2:26; 2:35. Umpires—Burkhart (N), Flaherty (AL), Venzon (NL), Stewart (AL), Williams (NL), Ashford (AL). Attendance—51,531; 51,531; 51,773; 53,007; 45,341.

McRae, the part time left fielder (against left-handed pitchers) hit .455 but Bernie Carbo, who platooned with him and hit .310 in his rookie year, failed to get a hit in the Series.

Behind the Orioles' success story was the vivid memory of last year's disappointments against the Mets. There was no "rah, rah" spirit on the club but a quiet confidence that this time there would be no mistake.

"We reflected on last year all winter," said Frank Robinson in the flow of victory. "We went to training camp determined to make up for it. We got in shape and played our game, hoping for a chance to get even." Paul Blair chimed in with, "We all had something to prove after last year."

The umpire strike that clouded the playoffs threatened to disturb the Series, too. But Commissioner Bowie Kuhn and the umps finally got together a few days before the first game and decided on a $7,500 Series pay for the Men in Blue.

The Men in Blue, or rather one man in blue, Ken Burkhart, was very much in the news after the first game, Oct. 10 at Cincinnati's new Riverfront Stadium.

The only big rhubarb of the Series broke out in the sixth inning of the opener with the score tied at 3-3 in a duel between Jim Palmer of the Orioles and Gary Nolan of the Reds.

Bernie Carbo walked with one out and scooted to third on Tommy Helms' single. Ty Cline, a playoff hero against Pittsburgh, came up to bat for shortstop Woody Woodward. He hit a high chopper near the plate and catcher Ellie Hendricks had to wait for it to come down. Umpire Burkhart was upended by Carbo as he streaked home and Hendricks lunged for the tag.

Although Burkhart was down, he signaled the out.

Pictures showed Hendricks' right hand with the ball never came close to Carbo but he did make the tag with his mitt. The picutres also showed that Carbo never did touch the plate.

Baltimore trailed 3-0 after three innings but closed the gap on a two-run homer by Boog Powell in the fourth and a homer by Elrod Hendricks in the fifth. Brooks Robinson then won the game 4-3 in the seventh, a half inning after the big rhubarb. Brooksie made a sensational play on Lee May in the sixth inning.

Before the second game, manager Sparky Anderson of the Reds graciously said the disputed play was "the right call."

"The way the play developed my man was safe," said Sparky. "But if Burkhart's not there, it's a routine play and Carbo is out by 10 feet. He called him out because he knew he blocked off Hendricks and it was the right call."

Cincinnati's pitching failed again in

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REDS VS. PIRATES

1970 NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

PETE ROSE

Sparky Anderson, a man who has wandered in the baseball bullrushes for years, led the Cincinnati Reds to their first National League pennant in nine years in 1970 with a three-straight sweep over the Pittsburgh Pirates after winning the National West by 14½ games with a 102-60 season record.

Although the Pirates outscrambled the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs in the National East to win by five lengths with only 89 regular season victories, they hung in there tough against the Reds before going down 3-0 in 10 innings, 3-1 and 3-2.

"The series could just as easily have been 3-0 the other way," said Anderson after it was over. "Danny Murtaugh got all the bad breaks and we capitalized on our opportunities."

The Big Red Machine that rumbled over the West, hitting 191 home runs on the way, batted only .220 in the playoff series but chimed in with three big homers. A fine winning effort by 22-year-old Gary Nolan and some superb relief work by 19-year-old Don Gullett and 20-year-old Milt Wilcox subdued the Bucs with the aid of some batting heroics by slender Bobby Tolan, probably the most underrated Red, and pinch hitter Ty Cline, the 31-year-old castoff who spent the first two months of the season on Montreal's disabled list.

The opener at Pittsburgh's new Three Rivers Stadium before a disappointingly small crowd of 31,530, was a sizzling duel between Gary Nolan and Dock Ellis until the 10th when Anderson gambled and won by sending up Ty Cline to bat for Nolan.

Cline slashed a pinch triple past Roberto Clemente, playing right field despite a painful back injury, and rode home on a single by Pete Rose who had 205 hits in regular season play. Ellis settled down to get Bobby Tolan and Tony Perez as Rose moved to second and then walked Johnny Bench intentionally. Lee May promptly doubled to left for two more big runs and Clay Carroll came on from the bullpen to finish the shutout job that Nolan started. The Bucs left 10 on base.

Pittsburgh might well have won it in the regulation nine except for a dazzling play by Tommy Helms, the Reds' second baseman. With men on second and third and two out in the third, Dave Cash slashed a wicked line at Helms who short-hopped the ball and threw out Cash.

"That was the play of the day," moaned Murtaugh. "If he doesn't make it, we've got a two-run lead."

The umpire strike that forced the National League to use two American Association umpires and two International League umps in the first game was settled just an hour before the second game. Two unions had supported the umps and refused to cross the picket line, leaving serious doubt as to whether the tarp could be removed, the tickets taken and the game played.

Once the umps and owners agreed on an armistice, the game was played before a turnout of 37,325 and about 20,000 empty seats. Bobby Tolan almost won this all by himself, scoring all three runs and hitting a home run while young Don Gullett followed Jim Merritt and Clay Carroll to the mound and dazzled the Bucs with 3 1/3 hitless relief innings.

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CINCINNATI – PITTSBURGH

FIRST GAME

Cincinnati	000	000	000	3—3	9	0
Pittsburgh	000	000	000	0—0	8	0

(10 innings)

Nolan, Carroll (10) and Bench. Ellis, Gibbon (10) and Sanguillen.
Home Runs—none. WP—Nolan. LP—Ellis.
Attendance—31,530.

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SECOND GAME

Cincinnati	001	010	010—3	8	1
Pittsburgh	000	001	000—1	5	2

Merritt, Carroll (6), Gullett (6) and Bench. Walker, Giusti (8) and Sanguillen.
Home Runs—Cincinnatti, Tolan. WP—Merritt. LP—Walker.
Attendance—37,325.

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THIRD GAME

Pittsburgh	100	010	000—2	10	0
Cincinnati	200	000	01X—3	5	0

Moose, Gibbon (8), Giusti (8) and Sanguillen. Cloninger, Wilcox (6), Granger (9) and Bench.
Home Runs—Cincinnatti, Perez, Bench. WP—Wilcox. LP—Moose.
Attendance—40,538.

ORIOLES VS. TWINS
1970 AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

BROOKS ROBINSON

"I think we're going into the World Series better prepared this year," said super star Frank Robinson after the Baltimore Orioles wiped out the Minnesota Twins again in three straight games of the American League playoffs.

"We really came up to a peak for the playoff games. I guess we learned from experience."

The year before the Orioles sailed through the AL race, just as they did in 1970, and then struggled through two 12-inning squeakers 4-3, 1-0, before blitzing the Twins 11-2 in the finale.

In 1970, the Orioles were rolling in high on an 11-game winning streak when they faced the Twins once more. This time the issue was decided quickly.

The Orioles came to battle with three aces—pitchers Mike Cuellar (24-8), Dave McNally (24-9) and Jim Palmer (20-10). Minnesota had only one 20-gamer, veteran Jim Perry (24-12), and their two veteran relievers who had saved the Western Division pennant—Ron Perranoski (67 games, 7-8 and 34 saves) and Stan Williams (68 games, 10-1, 1.99 ERA).

What the Orioles flingers didn't do with their pitching, they accomplished with their bats. Cuellar hit a wind-aided grand slammer homer in the 10-6 opening victory. McNally singled home what proved to be the winning run in the 11-3 second game, and Palmer doubled home Baltimore's third run in the 6-1 third game windup. The Baltimore hurlers had a collective .438 batting average in three games.

"Their pitchers drove in the key runs in this series," moaned Minnesota manager Bill Rigney, who failed just as Billy Martin did the year before. The difference between the two managers was that Martin was fired and Rigney rehired although Billy The Kid made it much closer.

It wasn't the pitchers alone. The Orioles out-homered the Twins 6-3 (Cuellar, Boog Powell, Don Buford, Frank Robinson and two by Dave Johnson to Minnesota's two by Harmon Killebrew and one by Tony Oliva), and outhit them 36 to 24.

Cueller's grand slammer was the big blow of a seven-run fourth inning that knocked out Perry and gave the Orioles a 9-2 lead. With one run scored in the frame and the bases loaded, Cuellar hit a looper that looked like a foul ball all the way to right field. Then a 29-mile an hour gust pushed it fair and just inside the pole.

"I didn't bother to run when I hit it," said Cuellar. "It was three feet foul. Then the wind got it."

Buford followed with his homer and that was all for Perry. Rookie Bill Zepp fanned Paul Blair and then Powell belted a 407-foot homer to left.

Cuellar, like Perry, was having trouble keeping his ball down in the blustery wind. The Twins got him out in the fifth with three runs, cutting the Birds' lead to 9-6. Killebrew's homer, a double by Oliva, a walk to Brant Alyea, and George Mitterwald's two-run single with one out drove Cuellar out.

Fidgety Dick Hall, who had turned 40 the week before, ended the inning by getting Danny Thompson to hit into a double play. Hall stopped the Twins cold with just one hit in his 4 2/3 innings to bag the win.

McNally pitched a gutty six-hitter in

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BALTIMORE — MINNESOTA

FIRST GAME

Baltimore	020	701	000—10	13	0
Minnesota	110	130	000—6	11	2

Cuellar, Hall (5) and Hendricks. Perry, Zepp (4), Woodson (5), Williams (6), Perranowski (9) and Mitterwald.

Home Runs—Baltimore, Cuellar, Buford, Powell. Minnesota, Killebrew. WP—Hall. LP—Perry.

Attendance—26,847.

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SECOND GAME

Baltimore	102	100	007—11	13	0
Minnesota	000	300	000—3	6	2

McNally and Etchebarren. Hall, Zepp (4), Williams (5), Perranoski (8), Tiant 9) and Mitterwald.

Home Runs—Baltimore, F. Robinson, Johnson. Minnesota, Killebrew, Oliva. WP—McNally. LP—Hall.

Attendance—27,490.

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THIRD GAME

Minnesota	000	010	000—1	7	2
Baltimore	113	000	10X—6	10	0

Kaat, Blyleven (3), Hall (5), Perry (7), and Ratliff. Palmer and Etchebarren.

Home Runs—Baltimore, Johnson. WP—Palmer. LP—Kaat.

Attendance—27,608.

Batboy Jay Mazzone

FRONT ROW: Tom Phoebus, Don Buford, Jim Frey, Bill Hunter, Earl Weaver, Geroge Bamberger, George Staller, Dave McNally, Chico Salmon.

SECOND ROW: Equipment Manager Clay Reid, Andy Etchebarren, Boog Powell, Pete Richert, Mark Belanger, Dave Leonhard, Brooks Robinson, Elrod Hendricks, Merv Rettenmund, Dave Johnson, Eddie Watt, Trainer Ralph Salvon.

BACK ROW: Marcelino Lopez, Jim Palmer, Moe Drabowsky, Frank Robinson, Mike Cuellar, Dick Hall, Bobby Grich, Curt Motton, Terry Crowley, Paul Blair.

ABSENT: Clay Dalrymple and Jim Hardin.

● There doesn't seem to be any way of stopping the Baltimore Orioles in the tough Eastern Division of the American League.

For the second straight year, the Birds, in manager Earl Weaver's second full season at the helm, breezed to victory with another 100-plus winning season, breaking the total wins, back-to-back record set by the famed New York Yankees of 1927-28 (110-43, 101-53).

In 1969, the Orioles piled up a 109-53 record. They grabbed first place for keeps on April 16 and wrapped up the Eastern flag on Sept. 13. This year, it was a mite tougher. The Birds finished 108-54. They took over first place to stay on April 26, clinched on Sept. 17, and finished 15 games in front of the runner-up Yankees.

"The reason I don't think it was as easy as last year," said Weaver, "is because we had to have three clubhouse meetings this time. Last year the number was two."

Again the Orioles had all the ingredients for success—a set lineup, solid starting pitchers, a deep bench and an able relief corps. With an experienced crew, they won 40 games by a one-run margin, an American League record.

Once again it was Boog Powell at first, Dave Johnson at second, Mark Belanger at short, Brooks Robinson at third, Don Buford in left, Paul Blair in center, inspiring Frank Robinson in right, and Ellie Hendricks and Andy Etchebarren behind the plate.

They were backed by a formidable bench headed by super sub Marv Rettenmund who played enough to be considered a regular in the outfield. Chico Salmon, Bobby Grich, Terry Crowley and Curt Motton filled in, spelling the starters without weakening the team noticeably.

Dave McNally, Mike Cuellar and Jim Palmer again gave the Birds a tremendous triple punch on the mound with Palmer joining the other two in the elite 20-win class. It was a 20-win first for Palmer, the only right-hander of the trio. It was the third straight year for McNally, the first American Leaguer to accomplish the feat since Cleveland's Bob Lemon (1952-54), and the second in a row for Cuellar, the screwball thrower who had been acquired from Houston for Blefary.

Baltimore also had the distinction of displaying three 20-game winners in one season, the first time in the AL since Cleveland's Bob Lemon, Herb Score and Early Wynn bagged 20 each in 1956.

The starters were backed by relievers Pete Richert, Eddie Watt, Dick Hall, and Moe Drabowsky, the latter the ex-Bird who was reacquired from Kansas City.

With all of their power, the Birds were able to carry the worried Belanger, whose batting mark dived from a career -high .287 of 1969.

Jim Palmer (20-10) joined teammates Dave McNally (24-9) and Mike Cuellar (24-8) to make Orioles first AL team to boast three 20-game winners in one season since Indians of 1956. The Birds also had too much Powell, Blair, Robinson, etc. as they won 108 in runaway.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — **PENNANT WINNER**

WON	LOST	PCT.
108	54	.667

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5544	792	1424	212	25	179	748	84	.257
Rettenmund	106	338	60	109	17	2	18	58	13	.322
F. Robinson	132	471	88	144	24	1	25	78	2	.306
Powell	154	526	82	156	28	0	35	114	1	.297
Johnson	149	530	68	149	27	1	10	53	2	.281
B. Robinson	158	608	84	168	31	4	18	94	1	.276
Buford	144	504	99	138	15	2	17	66	16	.274
Blair	133	480	80	128	24	2	18	65	24	.267
Crowley	83	152	25	39	5	0	5	20	2	.257
Salmon	63	172	19	43	4	0	7	22	2	.250
Hendricks	106	322	32	79	9	0	12	41	1	.245
Etchebarren	78	230	19	56	10	1	4	28	4	.243
Motton	52	84	16	19	3	1	3	19	1	.226
Dalrymple	13	32	4	7	1	0	1	3	0	.219
Belanger	145	459	53	100	6	5	1	36	13	.218
Grich	30	95	10	20	1	3	0	8	1	.211

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	60	12	1479	1317	469	941	108	54	3.15
Richert	50	0	0	55	36	24	66	7	2	1.96
Lopez	25	0	0	61	47	37	49	1	1	2.07
Palmer	39	17	5	305	263	100	199	20	10	2.71
Phoebus	27	3	0	135	106	62	72	5	5	3.07
Hall	32	0	0	61	51	6	30	10	5	3.10
McNally	40	15	1	297	276	78	185	24	9	3.21
Watt	53	0	0	55	44	29	33	7	7	3.27
Cuellar	40	21	4	297	273	69	190	24	8	3.48
Drabowsky	45	0	0	69	58	27	59	5	4	3.52
Hardin	36	3	2	145	150	26	78	6	5	3.54
Leonhard	23	0	0	28	32	18	14	0	0	5.14

Batboys Mike Slater and Frank LaBoy

FRONT ROW: Fritz Peterson, Danny Cater, Horace Clarke, Roy White, Coach Dick Howser, Coach Elston Howard, Manager Ralph Houk, Coach Jim Turner, Coach Jim Hegan, Coach Mickey Mantle, Curt Blefary.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Joe Soares, Frank Baker, Pete Ward, Jerry Kenney, Jack Aker, Mike McCormick, John Ellis, Jake Gibbs, Jim Lyttle, Thurman Munson, Gene Michael, Traveling Secretary Bruce Henry.

BACK ROW: Ron Hansen, Stan Bahnsen, Mel Stottlemyre, Lindy McDaniel, Steve Hamilton, Gary Waslewski, Steve Kline, Ron Klimkowski, Ron Woods.

INSERTS: Bobby Murcer (upper left), Mike Kekich (upper right).

● A few years ago who would have dreamed that a Yankee team would celebrate the clinching of second place? And, yet, that's what the 1970 New York Yankees did—with champagne and all the trimmings, too—when they sewed up second place in the Eastern Division of the American League.

Not too many years ago, second place would have meant failure to an organization that had rolled up 29 pennants and 20 world championships since 1921.

But the last time the Yanks copped a pennant was in 1964 when they won 99 games and lost 63. In 1969 they fell all the way to fifth place in the Eastern Division with an 80-81 record, 28½ games behind the champion Baltimore Orioles.

That was the third year of a five year plan the Yanks embarked upon when Lee MacPhail, who had built the Baltimore Orioles to a championship club, became general manager at the end of the 1966 season.

The big jump to second and the 93-69 record (15 games behind Baltimore) represented the development of the plan, one which could make the Yanks solid contenders in 1971. The arrival of one young Yankee slugger or the securing of one by trade, could spell the difference.

"What we need most," says Mike Burke, president of the Yanks, "is a guy, or maybe two, who can hit the ball here and there"—meaning the right and left field stands.

"We have plenty of good young pitchers, our fielding and running have been good . . . a slugger or two and Baltimore's picnics will end."

The Yanks have the solid nucleus of pitching in Mel Stottlemyre, Fritz Peterson (a 20-game winner for the first time), Stan Bahnsen, Steve Kline, Mike Kekich, Bob Gardner and Ron Klimkowski. They have an able relief corps headed by veterans Lindy McDaniel and Jack Aker.

Rookies Thurman Munson (catcher), John Ellis (catcher, first base), Frank Baker (short, utility), and outfielder Jim Lyttle have developed into major leaguers.

With Danny Cater at first, third or in the outfield, Horace Clarke at second, Gene Michael and Frank Baker at short, Ellis possibly at third, and Roy White, Bobby Murcer and Lyttle in the outfield, the Yanks can field a young and fast team. Jake Gibbs is solid as a backup backstop.

More youngsters are coming up from the farms. The future looks bright again for the Yanks. The Amazin' Mets are no longer amazing and the battle for New York's fans can really begin again.

"We'll be thinking about first place next year," said Houk after the champagne party for second place finally ended.

Fritz Peterson came up with a big 20-11 season and the Yankees' rebuilding plan began to pay dividends as the Houk men won 93 games and even challenged Baltimore for a brief spell. A solid pitching nucleus and several fine young players make future look brighter.

NEW YORK YANKEES

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
93	69	.574	15

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	163	5493	680	1381	208	41	111	627	103	.251
Lyttle	86	126	20	39	7	1	3	14	3	.310
Munson	132	453	60	137	26	4	6	53	6	.302
Cater	155	582	64	175	26	5	6	76	4	.301
Gibbs	49	153	23	46	9	2	8	26	2	.301
Hansen	59	91	13	27	4	0	4	14	0	.297
White	162	609	109	180	31	6	22	94	23	.296
Ward	66	77	5	20	2	2	1	18	0	.260
Clarke	158	686	81	172	25	2	4	46	22	.251
Murcer	159	581	95	146	23	3	23	78	15	.251
Ellis	78	226	24	56	12	1	7	29	0	.248
Baker	35	117	6	27	4	1	0	11	1	.231
Woods	95	226	29	51	5	3	8	27	4	.226
Michael	134	434	42	93	10	1	2	38	3	.214
Blefary	99	269	34	57	6	0	9	37	1	.212
Kenney	139	404	46	78	10	7	4	35	20	.193

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	163	35	6	1472	1385	451	776	93	69	3.23
McDaniel	62	0	0	112	88	23	81	9	5	2.01
Aker	41	0	0	70	57	20	36	4	2	2.06
Klimkowski	45	1	1	99	80	33	40	6	7	2.64
Peterson	39	8	2	260	247	40	126	20	11	2.91
Stottlemyre	37	14	0	271	262	84	127	15	13	3.09
Waslewski	26	0	0	55	42	27	27	2	2	3.11
Bahnsen	36	6	2	233	227	75	116	14	11	3.32
Kline	16	5	0	100	99	24	48	6	6	3.42
Cumberland	15	1	0	64	62	15	38	3	4	3.94
Kekich	26	1	0	99	103	55	62	6	3	4.82
McCormick	9	0	0	21	26	13	12	2	0	6.00
Burbach	4	0	0	17	23	9	10	0	2	10.06

FRONT ROW: Bat Boy Mark Menez, Traveling Secretary Jack Rogers, Coach Doug Camilli, Coach Eddie Popowski, Manager Eddie Kasko, Coach Charlie Wagner, Coach Don Lenhardt, Trainer Buddy LeRoux, Batboy Russell Justice.

SECOND ROW: Visiting Equipment Mgr. Vince Orlando, Carl Yastrzemski, Rico Petrocelli, Mike Andrews, Reggie Smith, George Scott, Billy Conigliaro, Jerry Moses, Tony Conigliaro, Equipment Mgr. Don Fitzpatrick.

THIRD ROW: Dick Schofield, John Kennedy, Tom Satriano, George Thomas, Don Pavletich, Vicente Romo, Ken Brett, Mike Fiore, Chuck Hartenstein.

FOURTH ROW: Sparky Lyle, Cal Koonce, Sonny Siebert, Ray Culp, Gary Peters, Bill Lee, Gary Wagner, Ed Phillips, Mike Nagy.

● It was another big year for Carl Yastrzemski and that about sums it up for the Boston Red Sox.

The three-time American League batting king barely missed a fourth when California's Alex Johnson nosed him out on the final day of the season .3289 to .3286. Yaz, who had 40 homers, 111 RBI's and a .255 batting average (his lowest ever) in 1969, was third in homers (40), seventh in RBI's (102), first in runs (125), fourth in hits (186), and led the Sox with a career high 22 stolen bases.

There were bright hopes in Boston when the season started that quiet Eddie Kasko, the club's 11th manager in 19 years, would solidify the team and give the Baltimore Orioles a battle for the Eastern Division's flag.

These hopes faded under the relentless charge of the defending Orioles. For a time the Sox seemed more destined for last place than first.

The third place windup (87-75), tying their finish of 1969, then was better than figured midway in the season.

It was the same old Boston story—inadequate pitching. The Sox had plenty of sluggers in Yaz, Reggie Smith, Rico Petrocelli and the Conigliaro brothers, Tony and Billy, but pennant contention pitching simply wasn't there.

Ray Culp could have had a 20-win season with a few breaks—but the breaks usually went against him. Sonny Siebert and Gary Peters had better seasons than they had the year before.

But the failure of Jim Lonborg, the 22-9 ace of the pennant winning 1967 season, to come back; the downfall of Mike Nagy (12-2, 3.11 in 1969); the so-so pitching of Ken Brett, and the decline of relief ace Sparky Lyle, hurt and quickly erased hopes of another pennant year.

Kasko's plan to go with rookie Luis Alvarado at short and All-Star shortstop Rico Petrocelli at third didn't last long when Luis failed to make the grade.

The shift of Yaz to first base and of George Scott to third was a winner, however. The Boston outfield whiz liked the change and his move to the infield opened up left field for Billy Conigliaro.

This gave the already hard-hitting Sox more fire power. But the pitching wasn't there to go with it. The Sox may have to swap some of their batting thunder for pitching help.

Still, the Sox appeared to have enough to take second place at least. They were passed by the New York Yankees, who moved up from fifth place in the division to second. The Sox trailed the Orioles by 21 games and the Yanks by six.

The Yanks had a young, hustling, running team with pretty good pitching. They didn't have Boston's fire power but they had a lot more desire than the complacent Sox, who have one of the highest payrolls in the majors.

Carl Yastrzemski had another big season—40 home runs, 102 runs batted in, a .328 batting average and 22 stolen bases—but inadequate pitching once again hurt the Red Sox. Thinking they could spare some of their high-salaried lumber for '71, the Sox traded Tony Conigliaro.

BOSTON RED SOX

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
87	75	.537	21

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5532	786	1450	252	28	203	742	48	.2621
Thomas	38	99	13	34	8	0	2	13	0	.343
Yastrzemski	161	566	125	186	29	0	40	102	22	.3286
Smith	147	580	109	176	32	7	22	74	9	.303
Scott	127	479	50	142	24	5	16	63	4	.296
Billy Conigliaro	114	398	59	108	16	3	18	57	4	.271
Tony Conigliaro	146	560	89	149	20	1	36	116	4	.266
Moses	92	315	26	83	18	1	6	34	1	.263
Petrocelli	157	583	82	152	31	3	29	103	1	.261
Kennedy	68	184	23	47	9	1	6	23	0	.255
Andrews	151	589	91	149	28	1	17	65	2	.253
Lahoud	17	49	6	12	1	0	2	5	0	.245
Satriano	59	165	21	39	9	1	3	13	0	.236
Alvarado	59	183	19	41	11	0	1	10	1	.224
Schofield	76	138	16	26	1	2	1	14	0	.188
Fiore	66	122	11	20	2	0	0	8	1	.164
Pavletich	32	65	4	9	1	1	0	6	1	.138

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	38	8	1446	1391	594	1005	87	75	3.90
Culp	33	15	1	251	211	91	197	17	14	3.05
Lonborg	9	0	0	34	33	9	21	4	1	3.18
Wagner	38	0	0	40	36	19	20	3	1	3.38
Siebert	33	7	2	223	207	60	142	15	8	3.43
Koonce	23	1	0	76	64	29	37	3	4	3.55
Lyle	63	0	0	67	62	34	51	1	7	3.76
Jarvis	15	0	0	16	17	14	8	0	1	3.94
Peters	34	10	4	222	221	83	155	16	11	4.05
Brett	41	1	0	139	118	79	155	8	9	4.08
Romo	48	0	0	108	115	43	71	7	3	4.17
Nagy	23	4	0	129	138	64	56	6	5	4.47
Lee	11	0	0	37	48	14	19	2	2	4.62
Bolin	38	3	0	140	133	72	89	7	11	4.63
Phillips	18	0	0	24	29	10	23	0	2	5.25
Hartenstein	17	0	0	19	21	12	12	0	3	8.05

FRONT ROW: Don Wert, Earl Wilson, Grover Resinger, Wally Moses, Mayo Smith, Len Okrie, Mike Roarke, Cesar Gutierrez, Dick McAuliffe, Willie Horton (Batboys Bruce Smith and Charles DeSantis in foreground).

SECOND ROW: Bill Behm, John Hand, Al Kaline, Gates Brown, Ken Szotkiewicz, Denny McLain, Jim Northrup, Elliott Maddox, Vince Desmond.

THIRD ROW: Bill Freehan, Joe Niekro, Tom Timmerman, Jim Price, Norm Cash, John Hiller, Les Cain, Mickey Stanley.

BACK ROW: Mickey Lolich, Dalton Jones, Ike Brown, Fred Scherman, Mike Kilkenny, Daryl Patterson.

● It was a year the Detroit Tigers would like to forget.

Pitching whiz Denny McLain, implicated with gamblers, was suspended before the season began until July 1 by Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Then, after his return and a mediocre pitching performance, he was suspended again for seven days for dousing baseball writers with ice water and finally, on Sept. 9, banned for the season by Kuhn "on certain new allegations . . . including information that on occasions McLain has carried a gun."

In all the 31-game winner of 1968 and the 24-game victor of 1969 spent only 58 games in a Tiger uniform.

The Tiger camp was torn apart well before the season began. About the time McLain was being called up by the commissioner, excerpts from Bill Freehan's controversial book *Behind the Mask* were published in which the star catcher charged his pitching mate was allowed to do almost anything he wanted by the Detroit management.

Surprisingly, the Tigers were only three games back of the flying Orioles late in July. Then another series of bad breaks hit them. Slugger Willie Horton suffered an ankle injury on July 24 which put him on the disabled list for the remainder of the season.

Injuries to another outfielder, Jim Northrup, and Freehan's back troubles, proved costly. Freehan underwent spinal surgery and missed the final month.

Left-hander Mickey Lolich, the star of the 1968 World Series and 19-11 in 1969, was expected to take over as the pitching ace in McLain's absence. He got off to a good start but then slumped and never got untracked.

The rest of the team, right down the line, fell far behind their 1968 performances when the Tigers finished second to Baltimore. The hitting, pitching and fielding all declined sharply.

Morale dropped sharply with the statistics. There were rumors that manager Mayo Smith was on the way out and that didn't help, either. The managerial change was confirmed at the end of the season when fiery Bill Martin was hired.

It was the kind of a year in which Al Kaline, the Tigers' all-time great, commented, "I wouldn't want to keep playing if I thought next year would be like this one."

The Tigers, 90-72 in 1969 when they finished second (by 19 games) to the Baltimore Orioles, closed with 78-83.

It was the first time the Tigers had wound up below the .500 mark since 1963 when they were fifth in the league with 79-83, .488.

Martin, former manager of the Western Division champion Minnesota Twins, signed a two-year contract for an estimated $60,000 a year, and predicted he would win a pennant.

Jim Northrup led the Tigers in home runs and runs batted in but, nevertheless, it was an unpleasant year for him and his teammates. The Denny McLain incidents, Bill Freehan's book and injuries upset club. After season, they hired Billy Martin and traded McLain.

DETROIT TIGERS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
79	83	.488	29

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5378	666	1281	207	38	148	619	29	.238
Horton	96	371	53	113	18	2	17	69	0	.305
I. Brown	56	94	17	27	5	0	4	16	0	.287
Kaline	131	467	64	130	24	4	16	71	2	.278
Northrup	139	504	71	132	21	3	24	79	3	.262
Cash	130	370	59	95	18	2	15	53	0	.257
Stanley	142	568	83	143	21	11	13	47	10	.252
Maddox	109	258	30	64	13	4	3	23	2	.248
Gutierrez	134	415	40	101	11	6	0	22	4	.243
Freehan	117	395	44	95	17	3	16	52	0	.241
McAuliffe	147	533	72	124	21	1	12	50	5	.233
G. Brown	81	124	18	28	3	0	3	24	0	.226
Wert	127	363	34	80	13	0	6	33	1	.220
Jones	89	191	29	42	7	0	6	21	1	.220
Price	52	132	12	24	4	0	5	15	0	.182
Nagelson	45	56	8	9	1	0	1	4	0	.161
Szotkiewicz	47	84	9	19	1	0	3	9	0	.107

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	33	9	1447	1443	623	1045	79	83	4.09
McRae	19	0	0	31	26	25	16	0	0	2.90
Hiller	47	1	1	104	82	46	88	6	6	3.03
Scherman	48	0	0	70	61	28	58	4	4	3.21
Robertson	11	0	0	15	19	5	11	0	0	3.60
Lolich	40	13	3	273	272	109	230	14	19	3.79
Cain	29	5	0	181	167	98	156	12	7	3.83
Timmerman	61	0	0	85	90	34	48	6	7	4.02
Niekro	38	6	2	213	221	72	101	12	13	4.06
Wilson	18	4	1	97	87	32	74	4	6	4.36
Patterson	43	0	0	78	81	39	55	7	1	4.73
McLain	14	1	0	91	100	28	52	3	5	4.75
Reed	16	0	0	46	54	14	26	2	4	4.89
Kilkenny	36	3	0	129	141	70	105	7	6	5.16

Sitting: Cy Buynak, equipment manager, and Danny Shafer, batboy

FRONT ROW: Vada Pinson, Lou Klimchock, Coach Cot Deal, Coach Kerby Farrell, Manager Alvin Dark, Coach John Lipon, Coach Hoot Evers, Larry Brown, Rich Rollins.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Wally Bock, Ray Fosse, Jack Heidemann, Vern Fuller, Roy Foster, Phil Hennigan, Eddie Leon, Fred Lasher, Duke Sims, Graig Nettles, Mike Paul, Traveling Secretary Wynn Hawkins.

BACK ROW: Rich Hand, Chuck Hinton, Steve Dunning, Rick Austin, Sam McDowell, Dick Ellsworth, Dennis Higgins, Ted Uhlaender, Dean Chance and Tony Horton.

● Cleveland's once hopeless Indians are on the rise in the American League.

After their miserable season in 1969, things had to get better for manager Al Dark's players.

It didn't look that way at the start when slugger Ken (Hawk) Harrelson suffered a broken right leg and badly dislocated ankle in spring training and was lost for virtually the entire season.

But Dark's trades in a shake 'em year helped along with the development of catcher Ray Fosse to All-Star status, the stickout pitching of Sudden Sam McDowell and the comeback of right-hander Steve Hargan.

The Injuns, who once had a shot at second place in the AL East, wound up fifth, 32 games behind the division champion Baltimore Orioles and six games ahead of last place Washington.

The 76-86 record was a 13½ game improvement over the woeful 62-99 log of 1969 when the Indians finished dead last among the 12 AL clubs. The won-lost mark was the club's worst since the 1914 outfit tailed to 51-102.

Since the club clouted only 119 homers and batted .237, Dark had the fences brought in. This resulted in an upsurge to 183 homers. Newcomers Graig Nettles (Minnesota) led with 26 and Vada Pinson (Cards) had 24. Also over the 20 mark were catcher-first baseman-outfielder Duke Sims (23) and rookie outfielder Ray Foster (23), who was acquired in a trade with Milwaukee just two days before the season started.

Foster, a much travelled minor leaguer, was a candidate for Rookie of the Year honors with his 60 RBI's and .268 B.A.

The upsurge of the 23-year-old Fosse to stardom was one of the major reasons for the Indians' improvement. The youngster's .307 batting average was fifth in the AL and he showed power with his 18 homers and 60 RBI's. With Fosse doing most of the catching, Sims filled in ably at various positions, adding more power to the lineup.

McDowell finally made the elite 20-game win set for the first time with his 20-12, 2.93 ERA record. He was 18-14, 2.94 in 1969.

The smokeball southpaw fanned 304 to lead the majors while topping AL hurlers in strikeouts for the fifth time in six years.

Hargan, figured to be all washed up after arm surgery in 1968 and two straight poor seasons (8-15, 4.16, 5-14, 5.69), made a stunning comeback. Demoted to the Wichita farm for five weeks, he came back after the All-Star Game break for a 10-1 record. The 28-year-old right-hander closed with a super 11-3, 2.83 record.

"In the last half of the season I don't know any pitcher who pitched like he did," said Dark. "I've waited three years for this."

Sam McDowell won 20 games for the first time and led the majors in strikeouts with 304. Al Dark's youth movement continued to show improvement. Particularly encouraging were the development of Ray Fosse into a catcher of All-Star caliber and comeback of Hargan.

CLEVELAND INDIANS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
76	86	.469	32

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5463	649	1358	196	23	183	616	25	.249
Hinton	106	195	24	62	4	0	9	28	0	.318
Fosse	120	450	62	138	17	1	18	60	1	.307
Pinson	148	574	74	164	28	6	24	82	7	.286
Harrelson	17	39	3	11	1	0	1	1	0	.282
Horton	115	413	48	111	19	3	17	59	3	.269
Foster	139	477	66	128	26	0	23	60	3	.268
Uhlaender	141	473	56	127	21	2	11	46	3	.268
Sims	110	344	46	91	12	0	23	56	0	.265
Brown	72	154	17	40	5	2	0	15	1	.260
Leon	152	549	58	136	20	4	10	56	1	.248
Nettles	157	549	81	129	12	1	26	62	3	.235
Rollins	56	68	9	15	1	0	2	9	0	.221
Heidemann	133	445	44	94	14	2	6	36	2	.211
Bradford	106	254	32	49	9	1	9	31	1	.193
Fuller	30	33	6	11	2	0	1	2	0	.182
Klimchock	41	56	5	9	0	0	1	2	0	.161

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	34	8	1451	1333	689	1077	76	86	3.90
Mingori	21	0	0	20	17	12	16	1	0	2.70
Hargan	23	8	1	143	101	53	72	11	3	2.83
McDowell	39	19	1	304	236	131	304	20	12	2.93
Hand	35	3	1	160	132	69	114	6	13	3.83
Higgins	58	0	0	90	82	54	82	4	6	4.00
Hennigan	42	0	0	72	69	44	43	6	3	4.00
Lasher	55	0	0	67	67	42	52	2	10	4.16
Chance	45	1	1	155	172	59	109	9	8	4.24
Austin	31	1	1	68	74	26	53	2	5	4.63
Paul	30	1	0	88	91	45	70	2	8	4.81
Dunning	19	0	0	94	93	54	77	4	9	4.98
Colbert	23	0	0	31	37	16	17	1	1	7.26

Batboys Eddie Baxter and Paul Operman

FRONT ROW: Del Unser, Coach Sid Hudson, Coach George Susce, Coach Joe Comacho, Manager Ted Williams, Coach Del Wilbur, Coach Wayne Terwilliger, Coach Nelson Fox, Tim Cullen, Equipment Manager Fred Baxter.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Bill Zigler, Frank Howard, Jim French, Ed Stroud, Darold Knowles, Bernie Allen, Joe Grzenda, Jan Dukes, Lee Maye, Paul Casanova, Jim Shellenback, Ken McMullen.

THIRD ROW: Ed Brinkman, Dick Bosman, Joe Coleman, Horacio Pina, George Brunet, Casey Cox, Dick Such, Mike Epstein, Jim Hannan, Hank Allen, Pedro Ramos.

● Ted Williams, the last of the .400 hitters, is batting .500 in the managerial league. That's not enough to make the Washington field boss happy, however.

So barring the unexpected, the one-time Splendid Splinter of the Boston Red Sox, will take another shot at the other clubs in the tough Eastern Division of the American League.

Williams came out of baseball retirement in 1969 and made a highly successful debut as a manager. He helped put some punch in the weak Washington lineup and guided the Senators to fourth place in the East with a 86-76 won-lost record, the first winning mark by a Washington team since 1952.

That resulted in Williams being named AL Manager of the Year for a plus season. You have to then give him a minus for 1970 when the Washington hitting dipped and the club dived back to last place in the East with 70-92, three games behind the victorious Baltimore Orioles and six behind the fifth place Cleveland Indians. The year before the Senators had a 23½ game edge on the Injuns.

In club batting the Senators slipped from .251 to .238 and in pitching from a 3.49 ERA to 3.79.

The club went into a severe tailspin in September, losing their last 14. Williams began plotting for the new season. A lot of changes have to be made.

One of the changes made early in the 1970 season panned out when veteran third baseman Ken McMullen was traded to the California Angels for third baseman Aurelio Rodriguez and outfielder Rick Reichardt. The Mexican showed surprising power, belting 19 homers and driving in 83 runs while hitting .251. Reichardt, benched against lefties and unhappy about it, closed with a mediocre 15, 48, .251.

Mike Epstein, another southpaw swinger who sat it out often when southpaws worked against the club, closed with 20, 56, .256 against his 30, 85, .278 figures of 1969.

Frank Howard, the mammoth mauler, and right-hander Dick Bosman, helped make the season bearable for Williams.

Hondo swept the home run and runs batted in titles with 44 and 126 to go with his .283 batting average. The 6-7 man-mountain took the home run crown for the second time (1968, 44) and RBI championship for the first time with a career high. He drove in 119 runs for the Dodgers in 1962. Howard now has 334 homers.

Bosman, surprise winner of the AL's ERA title with 2.19 last year when he was 14-5, came on strong in the second half of the 1970 campaign to finish at 16-12 and 3.00. He was the only starter over .500 as Joe Coleman, Jim Hannon, Casey Fox and Jim Shellenback disappointed their boss.

The slugging of Frank Howard, who led the AL in home runs (44) and runs batted in (126), probably consoled manager Ted Williams enough to take another shot at it in 1971. The Senators, after gaining their first winning season in 17 years in '69, slumped to last in East.

WASHINGTON SENATORS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
70	92	.432	38

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5460	626	1302	185	28	138	583	72	.238
Howard	161	566	90	160	15	1	44	126	1	.283
Stroud	129	433	69	115	11	5	5	32	29	.266
Brinkman	158	625	63	164	17	2	1	40	8	.262
Unser	119	322	37	83	5	1	5	30	1	.258
Epstein	140	430	54	110	15	3	20	56	2	.256
Reichardt	116	283	43	71	15	2	15	48	2	.251
Rodriguez	159	611	71	152	33	7	19	83	15	.249
Goossen	42	83	5	20	6	0	1	4	0	.241
B. Allen	105	261	31	61	7	1	8	29	0	.234
Roseboro	46	86	7	20	4	0	1	6	1	.233
Casanova	104	328	25	75	17	3	6	30	0	.229
Cullen	123	262	22	56	10	2	1	17	3	.214
Comer	90	146	22	31	4	0	0	9	1	.212
French	69	166	20	35	3	1	1	13	0	.211
Grieve	47	116	12	23	5	1	3	10	0	.198
Nelson	47	107	5	17	1	0	0	4	2	.159

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	20	11	1458	1375	611	822	70	92	3.79
Knowles	71	0	0	119	100	58	71	2	14	2.04
Pina	61	0	0	71	66	35	41	5	3	2.79
Bosman	36	7	3	231	212	71	134	16	12	3.00
Coleman	39	6	1	219	190	89	152	8	12	3.58
Shellenback	39	2	1	117	107	51	56	6	7	3.69
Brown	24	1	0	57	49	37	46	2	2	3.95
Hannan	42	1	1	128	119	54	61	9	11	4.01
Brunet	24	2	1	118	124	48	77	8	6	4.42
Cox	37	1	0	192	211	44	68	8	12	4.45
Gogolewski	8	0	0	34	33	25	19	2	2	4.76
Grzenda	49	0	0	85	86	34	38	3	6	4.98
Such	21	0	0	50	48	45	41	1	5	7.56

Batboys Jeff Cisewski, Jim Boberg, Bill Fisher.

FRONT ROW: Cesar Tovar, Harmon Killebrew, Danny Thompson, Coach Bob Rodgers, Coach Frank Crosetti, Manager Bill Rigney, Coach Marv Grissom, Coach Sherry Robertson, Coach Vern Morgan.

SECOND ROW: Clubhouse Manager Bobby Benson, Equipment Manager Ray Crump, Leo Cardenas, Rick Renick, Ron Perranoski, Jim Holt, Bill Zepp, Paul Ratliff, George Mitterwald, Dave Boswell, Tom Hall, Trainer Geroge Lentz, Visiting Clubhouse Manager Jim Wiesner.

BACK ROW: Rod Carew, Rich Reese, Brant Alyea, Bert Blyleven, Jim Perry, Dick Woodson, Stan Williams, Charlie Manuel, Jim Katt, Bob Allison, Tony Oliva, Pete Hamm.

● Lucky for Bill Rigney they now have split divisions in baseball's big leagues. After 14 years of non-winning as a manager with the Giants and Angels, Rigney struck it rich in his first try with the Minnesota Twins.

The fidgety, grey-haired field boss, noted as one of the fastest thumbers in the game when it comes to hauling out a pitcher, used the same strategy with the Twins as they swept the Western title for the second year in a row.

A year ago it was Billy Martin but the volatile, former Yankee infielder got fired for not keeping close tabs with president Cal Griffith, among other things.

Martin led a dissension-torn team to victory by nine games over the Oakland Athletics with a 97-65 record, clinching on Sept. 22. The Twins then dropped three straight to the Baltimore Orioles in the playoffs.

Rigney's team compiled a 98-64 record in also winning over Oakland by nine games and clinching on the same date—Sept. 22. This also earned the Twins a return series with the Eastern champion Orioles and they again lost three straight.

Unlike Martin, Rigney was rehired before the season ended, receiving a raise over his reported $60,000 contract.

Rigney's Twins won the Western title like true champions. They walloped the A's 13 games to 5 and the California Angels—his former team—10-8, whipping them soundly in the stretch head-to-head duels.

The Twins romped despite serious injuries to key players.

Rod Carew, who was hitting .370 at the time, was bowled over on the basepaths by Mike Hegan in June and had to undergo surgery on his right knee. He didn't return until late in the season.

Luis Tiant, who was acquired with reliever Stan Williams from Cleveland in the deal for Dean Chance, Bob Miller, Ted Uhlaender and Graig Nettles, was 6-0 when he suffered a fractured right shoulder and was out until Aug. 3.

Dave Boswell, the 20-12 pitching star of 1969, was hampered by back trouble and other problems, and wound up 3-7.

Despite this, the Twins rolled on. Jim Perry put together another outstanding (24-12, 3.03) season to go with his 20-6, 2.82 of 1969; rookies Bill Zepp and Bert Blyleven took up some of the slack along with Tom (The Blade) Hall, Jim Kaat and relief whizzes Ron Perranoski (67 games) and Williams (68). The Twins had only 25 complete games.

There was power to spare as the Twins topped the AL with .262. Harmon Killebrew, Tony Oliva and Cesar Tovar again had outstanding seasons and newcomer Brant Alyea from Washington started fast, dipped, and closed strong.

Harmon Killebrew blasted 41 home runs to raise his career total to 487 and drove in 113 in leading the Twins on their romp in the AL West. Tony Oliva, Cesar Tovar, Brant Alyea and Jim Perry had solid seasons to compensate for early injuries to Rod Carew and Luis Tiant.

MINNESOTA TWINS — WESTERN DIVISION PENNANT WINNER

WON	LOST	PCT.
98	64	.605

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5484	744	1438	229	40	153	693	58	.2622
Carew	51	191	27	70	12	3	4	28	4	.366
Oliva	157	628	96	204	36	7	23	107	5	.325
Tovar	161	650	120	195	36	13	10	54	30	.300
Alyea	94	258	35	75	12	1	16	61	2	.291
Ratliff	69	149	19	42	7	2	5	22	0	.282
Killebrew	157	527	96	143	20	1	41	113	0	.271
Holt	142	319	36	85	9	3	3	40	3	.266
Reese	153	502	63	131	15	5	10	56	6	.261
Cardenas	160	588	67	145	34	4	11	65	2	.247
Renick	81	179	20	41	8	0	7	25	0	.229
Quilici	111	141	19	32	3	0	2	12	0	.227
Mitterwald	117	369	36	82	12	2	15	46	3	.222
Thompson	96	302	25	66	9	0	0	22	0	.219
Allison	47	72	15	15	4	0	1	7	1	.208
Tischinski	24	46	6	9	0	0	1	2	0	.196
Manuel	59	64	4	12	0	0	1	7	0	.188

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	25	12	1448	1329	486	940	98	64	3.24
Williams	68	0	0	113	86	32	76	10	1	1.99
Perranoski	67	0	0	111	107	42	55	7	8	2.43
Hall	52	1	0	155	94	66	184	11	6	2.50
Perry	40	13	4	279	258	57	168	24	12	3.03
Blyleven	27	5	1	164	143	47	135	10	9	3.18
Zepp	43	1	1	151	154	51	64	9	4	3.22
Tiant	18	2	1	93	84	41	50	7	3	3.39
Kaat	45	4	1	230	244	58	120	14	10	3.60
Woodson	21	0	0	31	29	19	22	1	2	3.77
Barber	18	0	0	27	25	18	14	0	0	4.67
Hamm	10	0	0	16	17	7	3	0	2	5.63
Boswell	18	0	0	69	80	44	45	3	7	6.39

FRONT ROW: Equipment Manager Mickey Shishido (standing), John Donaldson, John Otum, Coach Bill Posedel, Coach Bobby Hoffman, Coach Vernard Hoscheit, Manager John McNamara, Charlie Lau, Babe Dahlgren, Reggie Jackson, Steve Hovley, Bert Campaneris.

SECOND ROW: Equipment Manager Frank Zienszczyk (standing), Gene Tenace, D. Womack, Frank Fernandez, Sal Bando, Jim Grant, Paul Lindblad, Bob Locker, Jim Hunter, M. Lachemann, Joe Rudi, Tony LaRussa, Traveling Secretary Tom Cowin, Trainer Joe Romo.

BACK ROW: Alan Lewis, Don Mincher, Tommie Davis, Rick Monday, Felipe Alou, Rollie Fingers, Dave Duncan, Jim Roland, Diego Sequi, Dick Green, Chuck Dobson.

● The Oakland Athletics don't win any pennants but you can rely on owner Charles O. Finley to keep the A's in the headlines.

Late in September count on Charles O. to fire a manager. He did it again after the 1970 season when he canned John McNamara and then named Dick Williams, the gruff ex-utility player who led Boston to the American League pennant in 1967, for the job. That makes it 11 managers in 11 years for Finley although the A's had their best season ever—89-73—under the 39-year-old McNamara.

"One of the finest young men in baseball," said Finley of McNamara. "He didn't lose his job. His players took it away from him."

It was Finley's view that McNamara couldn't control his players. He said "No manager can allow a player to criticize the front office unfairly," after catcher Dave Duncan blasted the owner in a newspaper interview.

"Dick Williams won't tolerate any shenanigans," said Finley. "There will be unity in 1971."

If that happens, it will be as much an upset as Oakland winning a division title or a pennant.

The 1969 club was torn apart even before the season began over the salary dispute between young slugging star Reggie Jackson and Finley. Jackson, who clouted 47 homers, had 118 RBI's and batted .275 in 1969, held out for five weeks before capitulating for $45,000 and a rent-free luxury apartment.

Jackson got off slowly, was benched, and then platooned. Later he was asked if he would like to go down to the minors for 10 days or two weeks to catch up. That poured some more oil on the fire.

The 24-year-old outfielder came on at the end, closing with 23 homers, 66 RBI's and .237. He wants to be traded but Finley says he won't deal him.

The A's have plenty of talent and, despite their troubles, had several shots at Minnesota's winners. But in the end, just as it was in 1969, they folded in the head-to-head duels with the Twins. Just as in 1969, they were walloped 13 to 5 in games by the Twins and that made eight of the nine games difference in the standings each year.

There were some bright moments, however. Campy Campaneris stole 42 bases and regained the AL title from Milwaukee's Tommy Harper; Catfish Hunter posted an 18-14 record, setting a victory mark for the expansion team; Vida Blue came up from the minors and pitched a one-hitter against the Kansas City Royals on Sept. 11 and then followed with a 6-0 no-hitter against the Twins 10 days later; and Chuck Dobson came on strong in the second half and finished a winner at 16-15.

Campy Campaneris led the AL in stolen bases with 42 and also rapped 22 home runs for the A's, a team torn apart before the season even started over the salary dispute between Reggie Jackson and Charles O. Finley. They ended up with their best mark but Finley fired pilot.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
89	73	.549	9

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5378	678	1338	207	25	171	630	129	.249
Rudi	106	350	40	108	23	2	11	42	3	.309
Tenace	38	105	19	32	6	0	7	20	0	.305
Monday	112	376	63	109	19	7	10	37	16	.290
Davis	66	200	17	58	9	1	1	27	2	.290
Campaneris	147	603	96	168	27	5	22	64	42	.279
Donaldson	42	89	4	22	2	1	1	11	1	.279
Alou	154	575	69	156	25	3	8	55	10	.271
Bando	155	502	93	132	20	2	20	75	6	.263
Duncan	86	232	21	60	7	0	10	29	0	.259
Mincher	140	463	62	114	18	0	27	74	5	.246
Hovley	112	235	25	57	10	0	0	17	8	.243
Jackson	149	426	57	101	21	2	23	66	26	.237
Fernandez	94	252	30	54	5	0	15	44	1	.214
LaRussa	51	106	6	22	4	1	0	6	0	.208
Green	135	384	34	73	7	0	4	29	3	.190
Johnson	30	46	6	8	1	0	1	2	2	.174

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	33	15	1443	1253	542	859	89	73	3.30
Grant	72	0	0	124	102	30	54	6	2	1.81
Blue	6	1	1	39	20	12	35	2	0	2.08
Segui	47	3	2	162	130	68	95	10	10	2.56
Lindblad	62	0	0	63	52	28	43	8	2	2.71
Roland	28	0	0	43	28	23	26	3	3	2.72
Lachemann	41	0	0	58	58	18	39	3	3	2.79
Locker	66	0	0	88	87	29	52	3	4	3.07
Fingers	45	1	0	148	137	48	79	7	9	3.65
Dobson	41	13	5	267	230	92	149	16	15	3.74
Hunter	40	9	1	262	253	74	198	18	14	3.81
Odom	29	4	1	156	128	100	88	9	8	3.81
Talbot	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	9.00

Batboys Joe Anderson, Jerry Newman, David Howells and Robert Manazier.

FRONT ROW: Billy Cowan, Sandy Alomar, Coach Fred Koenig, Coach Pete Reiser, Manager Lefty Phillips, Coach Rocky Bridges, Coach Norm Sherry, Tom Eagan, Bill Voss, Ray Oyler, Clubhouse Attendant Don Bender.

SECOND ROW: Traveling Secretary Jerry Waring, Paul Doyle, Andy Messersmith, Ken Tatum, Dave LaRoche, Jarvis Tatum, Clyde Wright, Rudy May, Chico Ruiz, Jim Fregosi, Trainer Freddie Frederico, Equipment Manager Roger Hailey.

BACK ROW: Alex Johnson, Tom Murphy, Mel Queen, Greg Garrett, Eddie Fisher, Jim Spencer, Ken McMullen, Roger Repoz, Tommie Reynolds, Jay Johnstone.

ABSENT: Joe Azcue, Tom Bradley and Tony Gonzalez.

● The California Angels didn't figure to do better than third place in the American League's Western Division and that's how they finished.

But going into the final month of the 1970 season, manager Lefty Phillips had his club strongly in contention although the Angels couldn't match the Minnesota Twins or Oakland Athletics in talent.

So a good share of the credit has to go to the 51-year-old manager who improved the club's record by 15 games in one season—from 71-91 and 26 games off the pace to 86-76 and only 12 games back. This resulted in another one-year contract for Phillips.

Heading into a three-game set with the division-leading Twins in early September, and only three games astern, the Angels dropped all three and fell out of the race. They blew six more for a nine-game losing streak before pulling out of the tailspin with a 2-1 win over Milwaukee on Sept. 13.

After blowing the three to the Twins, some of the Angels seemed to lose interest. Phillips let them have it with both barrels. Baseball is Lefty's whole interest in life. And he's optimistic about the future despite the September swoon.

"We're so close right now," he says. "If we can strengthen ourselves in a couple of vital areas we could be in a position to take it all next year."

Headed by Alex Johnson, who won the AL batting title on the last day with .3289—just shading Boston's Carl Yastrzemski—the Angels lifted their batting in one season from .230 to .251. In a year of declining ERA's, the club's collective pitching improved from 3.54 to 3.49.

Johnson, a sullen, combative character who came to the Angels from Cincinnati for pitchers Jim McGlothin, Vern Geishert and Pedro Borbon, hit 14 homers and drove in 86 runs. He was fined and lectured to by Phillips, who hates to see such marvelous talent going to waste. Those who have observed Johnson at Philadelphia, St. Louis and Cincinnati as well as in the AL, believe the speedster has the potential to be a consistent .330 and up hitter.

The spark of the club again was shortstop Jim Fregosi. The original Angel had a fine 10th year with the club, leading in homers (22), driving in 82 runs and batting .278.

Even with the injury-forced falldown of Andy Messersmith, the club's pitching was good and the bullpen strong. Messersmith, 16-11, 2.52 in 1969 and rated an untouchable, was handicapped by pulled rib muscles. He came back as

The big surprise was the turnaround of lefty Clyde Wright from 1-8, 4.08 to 22-12, 2.86. The 27-year-old Tennessee native became the second 20-game winner in Angels' history. Dean Chance (20-9, 1.65) did it in 1964.

Alex Johnson, sliding into second, was the batting champ in his first AL season, edging out Boston's Carl Yastrzemski .3289 to .3286. The big surprise, however, was the turnabout of Clyde Wright from 1-8, 4.08 to 22-12, 2.86. The Angels improved their record by 15 games.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
86	76	.531	12

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5533	631	1390	197	39	114	598	69	.251
Johnson	156	614	85	202	26	6	14	86	17	.3289
Gonzalez	26	92	9	27	2	0	1	12	3	.293
Fregosi	158	601	95	167	33	5	22	82	0	.278
Cowan	67	133	20	37	8	1	5	26	0	.278
Spencer	146	511	61	140	20	4	12	68	0	.274
Alomar	162	673	82	169	19	2	2	36	36	.251
Voss	79	181	21	44	4	3	3	30	2	.243
Reynolds	59	120	11	30	3	1	1	6	1	.243
Ruiz	68	107	10	26	3	1	0	12	2	.243
Azcue	114	351	19	85	13	1	2	25	0	.242
Repoz	137	407	50	97	17	6	18	47	4	.238
Egan	79	210	14	50	6	0	4	20	0	.238
J. Tatum	75	181	28	43	7	0	0	6	1	.238
Johnstone	119	322	35	76	10	5	11	38	1	.236
McMullen	139	481	55	110	11	3	14	64	1	.229
Oyler	24	24	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	.083

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	21	10	1463	1280	559	924	86	76	3.49
Garrett	32	0	0	75	48	44	53	5	6	2.64
Wright	39	7	2	261	226	88	111	22	12	2.86
K. Tatum	62	0	0	89	69	26	50	7	4	2.93
Messersmith	37	6	1	195	144	78	162	11	10	3.00
Fisher	67	0	0	130	117	36	75	4	4	3.05
LaRoche	38	0	0	50	41	21	44	4	1	3.42
May	38	2	2	209	190	81	164	7	13	4.00
Kealey	17	0	0	22	19	6	14	1	0	4.09
Bradley	17	1	1	70	71	33	53	2	5	4.11
Queen	34	0	0	60	58	28	44	3	6	4.20
Murphy	39	5	2	227	223	82	99	16	13	4.24
Doyle	40	0	0	42	43	21	34	3	1	5.14

Batboys Mike Bradshaw, Scott Rinn, Rick Napholz, Bill Street.

FRONT ROW: Assistant Manager of Visitor's Clubhouse Mike Doyle, Coach Roy McMillan, Coach Jackie Moore, Manager Dave Bristol, Coach Wes Stock, Coach Cal Ermer, Traveling Secretary Tom Ferguson, Trainer Curt Rayer.

SECOND ROW: Manager of Visitor's Clubhouse Jim Ksicinski, Bob Burda, Ted Savage, Bob Meyer, Bob Bolin, Russ Snyder, Dave Baldwin, Marty Pattin, Tommy Harper, Equipment Manager Bob Sullivan.

THIRD ROW: Danny Walton, Max Alvis, Jerry McNertney, Phil Roof, John Morris, Mike Hegan, Tito Francona, Skip Lockwood, Batboy Pat McBride.

BACK ROW: Gus Gil, Ted Kubiak, Lew Krausse, Bob Humphreys, John Gelnar, Mike Hershberger, Ken Sanders, Dave May, Roberto Pena.

ABSENT: Gene Brabender, Al Downing, Dick Ellsworth, Wayne Twitchell, Pete Koegel, Floyd Wicker, Hank Allen, Fred Stanley and John Felske.

● Milwaukee's citizens proved they loved baseball by taking a last place team and treating the players like world champions.

The Wisconsin city got back into the big leagues on four days notice and showed big league style in its support of the club.

Seattle's one-year run in the bigs as an expansion team ended in a financial mess. Waiting impatiently in the wings was the group headed by Bud Selig.

It was a rag tag team that had finished last in the six division American League West with a 64-98 record. The team drew only 677,944 fans in the Northwest city where the citizens prefer to do it themselves in the great recreational area.

Milwaukee warmly supported the efforts of a team that youthful manager Dave Bristol had out hustling. The Brewers had one of the best attendance totals in the AL, 934,820. It even surpassed the 911,000 that the National League Milwaukee Braves attracted in 1964, their last full season before the lame-duck year preceding their shift to Atlanta.

And, although the team only bettered the Seattle won-lost record by only one game, the 65-97 was enough to boost the Brewers into a tie for fourth place with the Kansas City Royals as Chicago fell to last place.

Bristol, 37, was rewarded with a one-year extension of his two year contract, in September. A year before that he was fired as manager of the Cincinnati Reds after his team finished third.

"I think we'll even have a better team next year if we continue the improvement we had in the second half of the season."

The Brewers, 19-44 at the start, came on real well. At the finish they were rough, tough spoilers for the contending clubs.

Tommy Harper, one of the team's few holdover, "pros," had his finest season. The fleet infielder, who played, second, third, and the outfield, belted 31 homers, 35 doubles, drove in 82 runs and batted .296. Several minor injuries hampered his base-stealing and he finished with 38, losing his AL title back to Oakland's Campy Campaneris.

Harper, however, became the fifth major league player to break the 30 mark the same year in both stolen bases and homers.

Other major contributors included outfielder Ted Savage, catcher Phil Roof, second baseman Ted Kubiak, shortstop Roberton Pena, starting pitcher Marty Pattin, reliever Ken Sanders and outfielder Danny Walton.

Pattin won 10 of his last 15 decisions to wind up at 14-12, 3.36. His wins broke the club's two-year record by one game.

Tommy Harper, diving back to first after pickoff attempt, had his finest season in 1970. He belted 31 homers and 35 doubles, drove home 82 runs, hit .296 and stole 38 bases. Fans welcomed return of baseball to Milwaukee and club had one of best attendance totals in AL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
65	97	.401	33

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	163	5395	613	1305	202	24	126	571	89	.242
Harper	154	604	104	179	35	4	31	82	38	.296
Savage	114	276	43	77	10	5	12	50	9	.279
Smith	44	76	8	21	3	1	1	6	1	.276
Walton	117	397	32	102	19	2	17	67	2	.257
Kubiak	158	540	63	136	9	6	4	41	4	.252
Burda	78	221	18	55	9	0	4	20	1	.249
Hegan	148	476	70	116	21	1	11	52	9	.244
McNertney	111	296	27	72	11	1	6	22	2	.243
Pena	140	474	40	114	20	1	3	45	4	.241
Francona	83	97	6	23	3	0	1	10	1	.237
May	125	373	42	88	8	2	8	37	8	.236
Hershberger	50	98	7	23	5	0	1	6	1	.235
Snyder	124	279	35	64	11	0	4	31	1	.229
Roof	110	321	39	73	7	1	13	37	3	.227
Allen	50	99	7	22	6	0	0	8	0	.222
Gil	64	119	12	22	4	0	1	12	2	.185
Alvis	63	115	16	21	2	0	3	11	1	.183

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	163	31	2	1447	1397	587	897	65	97	4.20
Sanders	50	0	0	93	64	25	63	5	2	1.74
Baldwin	28	0	0	35	24	18	26	2	1	2.57
Humphreys	28	0	0	52	41	31	38	2	4	2.94
Pattin	37	11	0	233	204	71	161	14	12	3.36
Downing	27	2	0	136	118	81	79	5	13	3.51
Ellsworth	43	0	0	59	60	17	22	3	3	3.81
Morris	20	2	0	73	70	22	40	4	3	3.95
Gelnar	53	0	0	92	99	23	48	4	3	4.21
Lockwood	27	3	1	174	173	79	93	5	12	4.29
Krausse	37	8	1	216	235	67	132	13	18	4.79
O'Donoghue	25	0	0	22	28	9	13	2	0	5.32
Brabender	29	2	0	129	127	79	77	6	15	6.00
Lauzerique	11	1	0	35	41	14	24	1	2	6.94

Batboy Ed Gunther

FRONT ROW: Ellie Rodriguez, Bob Oliver, Nick Willhite, Coach Dan Carnevale, Coach Joe Schultz, Manager Bob Lemon, Coach Harry Dunlop, Coach Geroge Strickland, Ed Kirkpatrick, Moe Drabowsky, Monty Monteagudo.

SECOND ROW: Assistant Equipment Manager George Sigloch, Rich Severson, Tom Burgmeier, Jackie Hernandez, Joe Keough, Jim Rooker, Bob Taylor, Dave Morehead, Jim Campanis, Paul Schaal, Pat Kelly, Equipment Manager Al Zych.

BACK ROW: Trainer Bill Jones, Tom Matchick, Al Fitzmorris, Lou Piniella, Roger Nelson, Bob Johnson, Bill Butler, Ken Wright, Dick Drago, Amos Otis, Bill Sorrell, Traveling Secretary Rick Current.

● The Kansas City Royals, in their second year in the American League, dropped four games off their 1969 pace in 1970. They also fell from undisputed fourth place to a tie for the position with the Milwaukee Brewers. And yet they even showed more promise for the future.

How's that again?

Yes, the Royals were 69-93 in their inaugural year and finished only two games behind the third place California Angels. In 1970, the record was 65-97, 21 games behind the third place Angels.

Sometimes the won-lost records can be awfully misleading.

What makes the Royals' future brighter is one sweet trade the Royals pulled with the New York Mets, then the world champions. The Mets, seeking a solid man at third base, took Joey Foy from the Royals for centerfield prospect Amos Otis and right-hander Bob Johnson, a 13-4, 1.48 ERA fastballer with Memphis.

Otis, a fielding whiz, came through with a fine season, hitting .284 with 11 homers, 36 doubles, 9 triples, 58 RBI and 33 stolen bases.

Johnson, given his chance when the Royals' top starters came up with all sorts of trouble, had a deceiving 8-13 won-lost record. The 6-4, 220-pounder from Lemont, Ill., had an excellent 3.07 ERA, 10 complete games to top the staff, and an amazing 206 strikeouts (vs 82 walks) for third place in the American League.

The strikeouts were the most by an AL rookie since Cleveland's Herb Score whiffed 245 in 1955.

In addition, Wally Bunker and Bill Butler who had arm trouble, and Dick Drago and Jim Rooker who were ineffective, all came on strong at the end of the season.

"The pitching finally matured," said manager Bob Lemon, who had succeeded stern Charlie Metro on June 9, "and we should be much stronger in '71."

Lemon also was encouraged by the fine play of sophomore outfielder Lou Piniella, first baseman Bob Oliver, third baseman Paul Schaal, and catcher Ed Kirkpatrick, among others.

Piniella, Rookie of the Year in the AL in 1969 with 11 homers, 68 RBI and .282, bettered that with 11, 88, .301. Oliver, a former first baseman who had been used in the outfield and then at third base, was moved back to first and responded with 27 homers, 99 RBI and .260. Schaal, used regularly at third again, came on powerfully in the stretch, hitting .271 to go with his good glove.

Kirkpatrick added power to the lineup with 18, 62, although he only hit .229.

Lemon, who had his contract renewed for another season, also expects a comeback by outfielder Joe Keough.

Sensational outfield whiz Amos Otis, crossing plate after hitting homer, came through with a solid season for the Kansas City Royals. Although they dropped four games off their '69 pace, manager Bob Lemon was encouraged by the play of Otis, Lou Piniella and Bob Oliver.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
65	97	.401	33

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5504	611	1341	202	41	97	572	96	.244
Keough	57	183	28	59	6	2	4	21	1	.322
Piniella	144	542	54	163	24	5	11	88	3	.301
Otis	159	620	91	176	36	9	11	58	33	.284
Schaal	124	380	50	103	12	3	5	35	7	.271
Sorrell	59	135	12	36	2	0	4	14	1	.267
Oliver	160	612	82	159	24	6	27	99	3	.260
Rojas	98	384	36	100	13	3	2	28	3	.260
Severson	77	240	22	60	11	1	1	22	0	.250
Kelly	136	452	56	106	16	1	6	38	34	.235
Hernandez	83	238	14	55	4	1	2	10	0	.231
Kirkpatrick	134	424	59	97	17	2	18	62	4	.229
Rodriguez	80	230	25	52	8	2	1	15	2	.226
Spriggs	51	130	12	27	2	3	1	7	4	.208
Matchick	65	172	13	32	3	2	0	11	0	.186
Alcaraz	35	120	10	20	5	1	1	14	0	.167
Taylor	57	55	3	9	3	0	0	6	0	.164

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	30	11	1464	1346	641	915	65	97	3.79
Abernathy	36	0	0	56	42	38	50	9	3	2.57
Monteagudo	21	0	0	27	20	9	18	1	1	3.00
Johnson	40	10	1	214	178	82	206	8	13	3.07
Burgmeier	41	0	0	68	59	23	43	6	6	3.18
Rooker	38	6	3	204	190	102	117	10	15	3.53
Morehead	28	1	0	122	121	62	69	3	5	3.61
Drago	35	7	1	240	239	72	127	9	15	3.75
Butler	25	2	1	141	117	87	75	4	12	3.77
Bunker	24	2	1	122	109	50	59	2	11	4.20
Fitzmorris	43	2	0	118	112	52	47	8	5	4.50
Wright	47	0	0	53	49	28	30	1	2	5.43
Nelson	4	0	0	9	18	0	3	0	2	10.00

Batboys Bob Sakamoto, Joe White and Wayne Reed.

FRONT ROW: Trainer Charley Saad, Batting Practice Pitcher Glen Rosenbaum, Luis Aparicio, Coach Les Moss, Coach Bill Adair, Manager Don Gutteridge, Coach Luke Appling, Coach Hugh Mulcahy, Walter Williams, Gail Hopkins, Ken Berry.

SECOND ROW: Equipment Manager Larry Licklider, Wilbur Wood, Tommy John, Tommy Sisk, Gerry Arrigo, Gerry Janeski, Carlos May, Sydney O'Brien, Gene Rounsaville, Billy Wynne, Bobby Knoop, Traveling Secretary Howard Roberts.

BACK ROW: Joel Horlen, Batting Practice Catcher Joe Heinsen, Ed Herrmann, Bill Melton, Don Secrist, Dan Murphy, Bobby Christian, Rich Morales, John Matais, Tom McCraw, Buddy Bradford, Duane Josephson.

● It didn't require a Presidential decree to declare the Chicago White Sox a disaster team. The White Sox, a first division team for 17 straight years until 1968, sank almost out of sight in 1970.

Club president John Allyn didn't call for the Marines or the Coast Guard. He had been patient enough all season as the Sox, once known for their classy pitching, floundered with the worst pitching in the American League.

Instead Allyn canned Ed Short, the vice president in charge of coaching and player personnel, and manager Don Gutteridge in September.

Stu Holcomb, the former Northwestern athletic director who had been the public relations chief, was promoted to executive vice president "with full responsibility for the White Sox."

Shortly thereafter Chuck Tanner, who led Honolulu into the Pacific Coast League playoffs, was named manager and Roland Hemond, farm and scouting director of the California Angels, was appointed the personnel director. One of the new brain trust's first moves was to hire famed Johnny Sain as the pitching coach.

They began the reconstruction moves in mid-September. It was the start of a massive rebuilding project.

The Sox, who had finished fifth in the Western Division and 10th overall in the 12-team league in 1969 with a 68-94 record, dived to last in the AL and dead last among all 24 of the major league teams with a 56-106 record. It was the club's worst record since the 1948 team posted a 51-101 log in finishing last in an eight-team league.

In 1967, before the great decline began, the Sox's Big Three pitching stars, Gary Peters, Joe Horlen and Tommy John combined for a 45-31 record while finishing 1-2-4 in the AL's ERA list.

With Peters traded off to the Boston Red Sox, the Sox had a "Big Three" of John, Horlen and Gerry Janeski. Their combined record of 28-40 gave White Sox rooters the jitters.

There were some bright lights in the otherwise gloomy picture. Shortstop Luis Aparicio, at 36, made the .300 set at .313 for the first time in his career. Ken Berry, the outfield glove whiz who hit .232 in 1969, learned to relax at the plate and hit a respectable .276.

Carlos May, who lost most of his right thumb in a freakish accident while with the Marines on Aug. 10, 1969, made a spectacular comeback. Bill Melton, a poor fielding third baseman, broke the club record of 29 homers with 33. Melton was shifted to the outfield by Gutteridge but Tanner believes he can make an adequate third sacker out of the 25-year-old slugger.

Ed Hermann and Duane Josephson platooned the catching job and added punch to the lineup.

Luis Aparicio, sliding into second, had his best year at the plate with a .313 mark but the White Sox finished with a miserable 56-106 mark, the worst in the majors. Manager Don Gutteridge was fired, personnel changes made and Johnny Sain hired as pitching coach.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
56	106	.346	42

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5514	633	1394	191	20	123	587	53	.253
Josephson	96	285	29	90	12	1	4	41	0	.316
Aparicio	146	552	86	173	29	3	5	43	8	.313
Hopkins	116	287	32	82	8	1	6	29	0	.286
May	150	555	83	158	28	4	12	68	12	.285
Herrmann	96	297	41	84	9	0	19	52	0	.283
Berry	141	463	45	128	12	2	7	50	6	.276
Melton	141	514	74	135	15	1	33	96	3	.263
Maye	102	261	28	68	12	1	7	31	4	.261
Williams	110	315	43	79	18	1	3	15	3	.251
O'Brien	121	441	48	109	13	2	8	44	3	.247
Knoop	129	402	34	92	13	2	5	36	0	.229
Spence	46	129	11	29	4	1	4	15	0	.225
McCraw	129	332	39	73	11	2	6	31	11	.220
Blanco	34	66	4	13	0	0	0	8	0	.197
Matias	58	117	7	22	2	0	2	6	1	.188
McKinney	43	119	12	20	5	0	4	17	3	.168
Morales	62	112	6	18	2	0	1	2	1	.161

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	20	6	1430	1553	557	761	56	106	4.54
Wood	77	0	0	122	118	36	85	9	13	2.80
Hamilton	38	0	0	49	39	17	36	4	3	2.94
John	37	10	3	269	253	101	138	12	17	3.28
Weaver	31	0	0	62	52	32	50	1	2	4.35
Crider	32	0	0	91	100	34	40	4	7	4.45
Magnuson	13	0	0	45	45	16	20	1	5	4.60
Janeski	35	4	1	206	247	63	79	10	17	4.76
Miller	30	0	0	98	123	48	53	6	8	4.78
Johnson	18	2	1	90	92	46	71	4	7	4.80
Horlen	28	4	0	172	198	41	77	6	16	4.87
Moore	37	0	0	141	155	80	69	3	9	5.30
Wynne	12	0	0	44	54	22	19	1	4	5.32
Stange	36	0	0	50	62	17	28	3	2	5.40
Sisk	17	0	0	33	37	13	16	1	1	5.45
Murphy	51	0	0	81	82	49	42	2	3	5.67

FRONT ROW: Angel Bravo, Pete Rose, Jim Stewart, Bernie Carbo.
SECOND ROW: Batboy Mike Long, Don Gullett, Hal McRae, Coach Ted Kluszewski, Coach George Scherger, Manager Sparky Anderson, Coach Alex Grammas, Coach Larry Shepard, Bobby Tolan, Darrel Chaney, Traveling Secretary Paul Campbell.
THIRD ROW: Equipment Manager Bernie Stowe, Pat Corrales, Jim McGlothlin, Ray Washburn, Clay Carroll, Ty Cline, Tommy Helms, Dave Concepcion, Woody Woodward, Wayne Granger and Trainer Bill Cooper.
BACK ROW: Tony Cloninger, Gary Nolan, Lee May, Jim Maloney, Wayne Simpson, Tony Perez, John Noriega, Jim Merritt, Johnny Bench.

● The Big Red Machine from Cincinnati simply clobbered the field in the National League West and led every day of the season, except April 11, to clinch the division title Sept. 17, two weeks before the season ended.

Pitching was supposed to be the big headache for the Reds but rookie manager Sparky Anderson and his pitching coach, Larry Shepard put together a staff that ranked with the Mets in earned run effectiveness.

Wayne Simpson, a precocious rookie from Indianapolis where he had won only seven games, rolled up a 13-1 record before he hurt his shoulder in July. Jim Merritt won 14 before the All-Star break and wound up in the 20-win club. Gary Nolan, a sore shoulder disappointment in 1969, flashed brilliant winning form and Jim McGlothlin, acquired from the California Angels in a deal for Alex Johnson, was 11-4 before he was hit by a line drive in July.

Jim Maloney, normally the ace of the staff, tore an Achilles tendon in April and didn't work from April 16 to Sept. 4. When Simpson and McGlothlin were hurting, Tony Cloninger came out of the bullpen to surprise everybody with a winning record. In September they brought up young Milt Wilcox from Indianapolis who turned out to be an instant winner.

Clay Carroll and Wayne Granger battled to see who could get into the most games and 19-year-old Don Gullet, a fireball lefty, showed such blinding stuff in the bullpen that he may be the best of the staff for the future. Ray Washburn, the ex-Card, was only mildly effective.

Johnny Bench, already acclaimed as the top catcher in baseball, added to his reputation by winning the home run and runs batted in championship. Because Bench saw some duty in the outfield, a dispute evolved about his setting a homer record for catchers. Pat Corrales sometimes caught the second game of doubleheaders.

Tony Perez fought for the homer-RBI title all year but tailed off in the second half while Bench continued his charge. Lee May, batting behind Perez, still drove in a ton of runs. Tommy Helms and the three shortstops—Dave Concepcion, Woody Woodward and Darrel Chaney, were the weak sisters at bat. Helms said he and the shortstop were the "hubcaps" of the Big Red Machine.

Once again Pete Rose zoomed over the 200-hit mark, his fifth in seven years, but he failed in his bid for a third straight batting crown. Bobby Tolan hit well over .300 all year and stole more than 50 bases. Bernie Carbo, plattoned with Hal McRae when southpaws worked, had an outstanding rookie year both in average and home run power.

Already established as baseball's best catcher, 22-year-old Johnny Bench came into his own as a hitter in 1970. He led the majors in home runs (45) and runs batted in (148) as the Big Red Machine ran away with the NL Western race and then swept Pirates in three straight.

CINCINNATI REDS — **PENNANT WINNER**

WON	LOST	PCT.
102	60	.630

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5540	775	1498	253	45	191	726	115	.2703
Perez	158	587	107	186	28	6	40	129	8	.317
Rose	159	649	120	205	37	9	15	52	12	.316
Tolan	152	589	112	186	34	6	16	80	57	.316
Carbo	125	365	54	113	19	3	21	63	10	.310
Bench	158	606	97	177	35	4	45	148	5	.292
Bravo	65	65	10	18	1	1	0	3	0	.277
Cline	50	65	13	18	7	1	0	8	1	.277
Stewart	101	105	15	28	3	1	1	8	5	.267
Concepcion	101	265	38	69	6	3	1	19	10	.260
May	153	605	78	153	34	2	34	94	1	.253
McRae	70	165	18	41	6	1	8	23	0	.248
Helms	150	575	42	136	21	1	1	45	2	.237
Corrales	43	106	9	25	5	1	1	10	0	.236
Chaney	57	95	7	22	3	0	1	4	1	.232
Woodward	100	264	23	59	8	3	1	14	1	.223

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	32	15	1445	1370	592	843	102	60	3.69
Gullett	44	0	0	78	54	44	76	5	2	2.42
Wilcox	5	1	1	22	19	7	13	3	1	2.45
Carroll	65	0	0	104	104	27	63	9	4	2.60
Granger	67	0	0	85	79	27	38	6	5	2.65
Simpson	26	10	2	176	125	81	119	14	3	3.02
Nolan	37	4	2	251	226	96	181	18	7	3.26
McGlothlin	35	5	3	211	192	86	97	14	10	3.58
Cloninger	30	0	0	148	136	78	56	9	7	3.83
Merritt	35	12	1	234	248	53	136	20	12	4.08
Borbon	12	0	0	17	21	6	6	0	2	6.88
Washburn	35	0	0	66	90	48	37	4	4	6.95
Maloney	7	0	0	17	26	15	7	0	1	11.12

FRONT ROW: Fred Norman, Jim Lefebvre, Danny Ozark, Dixie Walker, Roy Hartsfield, Walt Alston, Red Adams, Carroll Beringer, Jim Gilliam, Ted Sizemore, Steve Garvey, Bill Buckner.

SECOND ROW: Batboy Pete Bonfils, Jim Brewer, Wes Parker, Andy Kosco, Jeff Torborg, Alan Foster, Manny Mota, Willie Davis, Bill Singer, Bob Stinson, Maury Wills, Von Joshua.

THIRD ROW: Batboy Bob Franks, Batboy Mike McDermott, Batboy Warren Beaver, Joe Ferguson, Tom Paciorek, Don Sutton, Claude Osteen, Bill Sudakis, Ray Lamb, Charlie Hough, Bill Russell, Bill Grabarkewitz, Dr. Robert Woods.

BACK ROW: Bill Buhler, Lee Scott, Dr. Frank Jobe, Willie Crawford, Len Gabrielson, Tom Haller, Pete Mikkelsen, Joe Moeller, Jerry Stephenson, Mike Strahler, Sandy Vance and Nobe Kawano.

● In many ways the Dodgers were the surprise team of the year in the National League. Walter Alston, the old master, did a brilliant job of juggling his youthful talent despite the loss of his ace pitcher, Bill Singer, for the first two months of the season.

Los Angeles lost six of its first seven, ran off a hot streak in late June when it won 11 of 13 and still couldn't gain on those runaway Cincinnati Reds. At the All-Star mark they were 16 games over .500 at 51-35 and still 10 games behind the Reds. A September tailspin at home found them fighting it out with the Giants for second place in the closing weeks.

Claude Osteen and Don Sutton were the big winners but there was no Sandy Koufax or Don Drysdale on the staff. Singer was out from April 22 to June 14 due to hepatitis, came back to win five straight in July, including a no-hitter against the Phillies, only to be forced out of action again in September with a broken finger. Alan Foster and young Sandy Vance, who bounced between Los Angeles and Spokane, took up the slack with help from Joe Moeller. Ray Lamb, Jim Brewer, Pete Mikkelsen, who was out until June 5 with hepatitis, and Fred Norman manned the bullpen.

Wes Parker had his best year ever at first base with a .300 plus average and a big RBI bat while fielding sensationally. Maury Wills missed a month due to a damaged foot but played short most of the way in his usual style. Ted Sizemore, the 1969 Rookie of the Year, played second and Billy Grabarkewitz took over third when he wasn't filling in at short. Jim Lefebvre was a backup man. While Sizemore was on the disabled list in June, Lefebvre played second.

Willie Davis thought he had found the secret of hitting .400 last summer but he couldn't buy a hit in the spring and was down to the .229 level in mid-May. He started to make contact and pulled steadily to top the .300 mark with room to spare.

Alston shuffled the outfield, as well as the infield, all season. He wound up with Willie Crawford, Bill Russell and Willie Davis playing against right-handed pitching and Manny Mota, Andy Kosco and Russell against southpaws. Russell, only 22, came on with a rush to win a steady job for the future.

The experiment of making a catcher out of third baseman Bill Sudakis was successful although he also played third base and the outfield at times. Tom Haller remained the No. 1 catcher and Jeff Torborg saw limited duty.

Although the Dodgers didn't have much home run power they were right up there with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh in the batting averages and close to the Mets' staff in earned run average. And they did edge out the Giants for second

Wes Parker (28) had the greatest season of his career with a .319 batting average, 111 runs batted in and another outstanding defensive job around first base. Dodger pilot Walt Alston did a creditable job of juggling his young talent as Dodgers edged out Giants for second

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

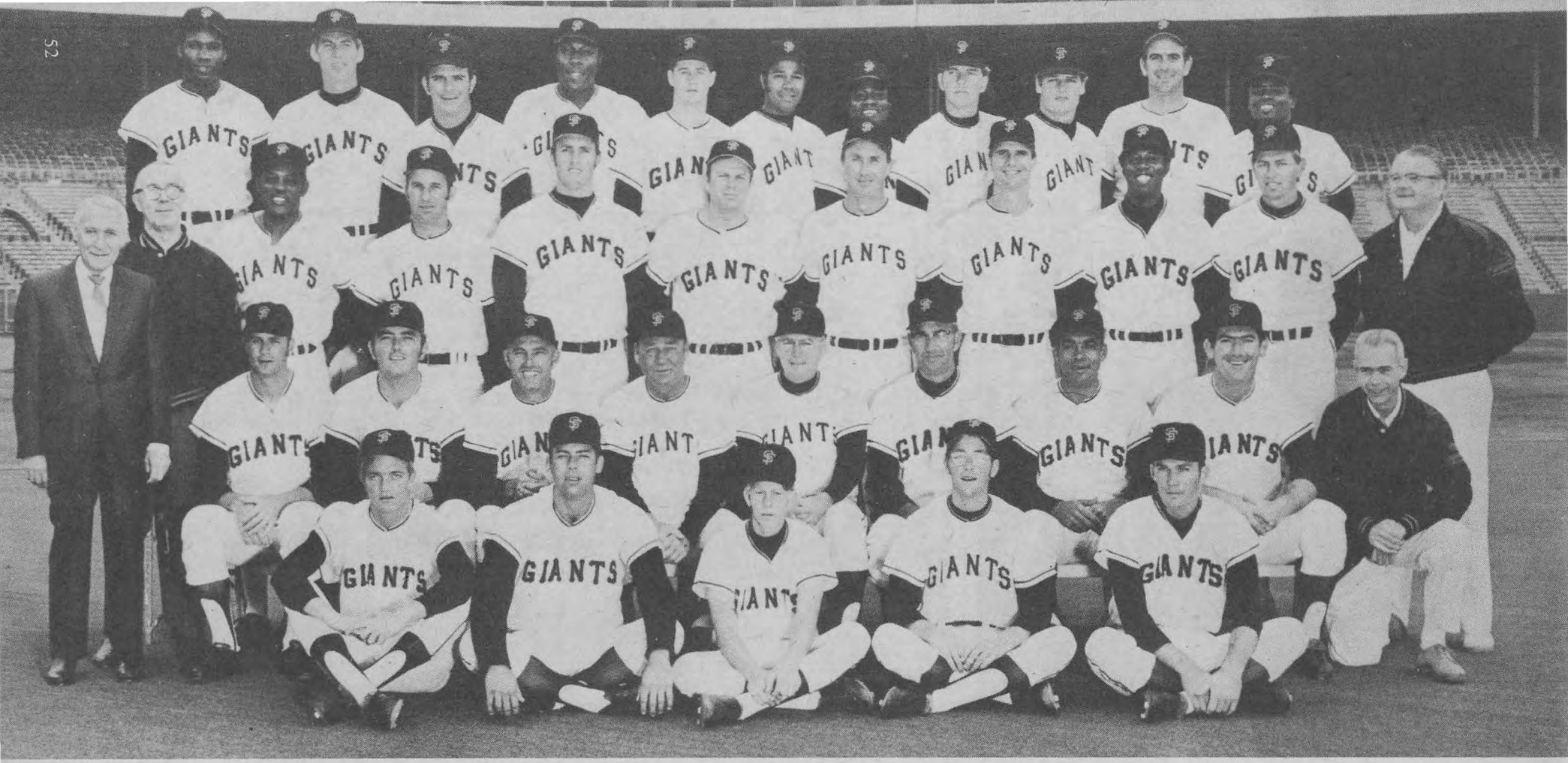
WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
87	74	.540	14½

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	161	5606	749	1515	233	67	87	695	138	.2702
Parker	161	614	84	196	47	4	10	111	8	.319
Sizemore	96	340	40	104	10	1	1	34	5	.306
Davis	146	593	92	191	23	16	8	93	38	.305
Mota	124	417	63	127	12	6	3	37	11	.305
Grabarkewitz	156	529	92	153	20	8	17	84	19	.289
Haller	112	325	47	93	16	6	10	47	3	.286
Wills	132	522	77	141	19	3	0	34	28	.270
Garvey	34	93	8	25	5	0	1	6	1	.269
Joshua	72	109	23	29	1	3	1	8	2	.266
Sudakis	94	269	37	71	11	0	14	44	4	.264
Russell	81	278	30	72	11	9	0	28	9	.259
Lefebvre	109	314	33	79	15	1	4	44	1	.252
Crawford	109	299	48	70	8	6	8	40	4	.234
Torborg	64	134	11	31	8	0	1	17	1	.231
Kosco	74	224	21	51	12	0	8	27	1	.228
Gabrielson	43	42	1	8	2	0	0	6	0	.190

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	161	37	17	1459	1394	496	880	87	74	3.81
Pascual	10	0	0	14	12	5	8	0	0	2.57
Mikkelsen	33	0	0	62	48	20	46	4	2	2.76
Vance	20	2	0	115	109	37	45	7	7	3.13
Brewer	58	0	0	89	66	33	91	7	6	3.13
Singer	16	5	3	106	79	32	93	8	5	3.14
Lamb	35	0	0	57	59	27	32	6	1	3.79
Osteen	37	11	4	259	280	52	114	16	14	3.82
Moeller	31	2	1	135	131	43	63	7	9	3.93
Sutton	38	10	4	260	251	78	201	15	13	4.08
Foster	33	7	1	199	200	81	83	10	13	4.25
Pena	29	0	0	57	51	29	31	4	3	4.42
Norman	30	0	0	62	65	33	47	2	0	5.10



FRONT ROW: Don Mason, Ron Hunt, Batboy Jim Saunders, Batboy Steve Sockolov, Bob Heise.

SECOND ROW: (seated) Mike Davison, Ron Bryant, Coach Jim Davenport, Coach Wes Westrum, Manager Charlie Fox, Coach Larry Jansen, Coach Ozzie Virgil, Dick Dietz, Trainer Al Wyler.

THIRD ROW: (standing) Traveling Secretary Frank Bergonzi, Equipment Manager Eddie Logan, Willie Mays, John Stephenson, Rich Robertson, Alan Gallagher, Don McMahon, Ken Henderson, Frank Johnson, Hal Lanier, Trainer Leo Hughes.

BACK ROW: Bobby Bonds, Frank Reberger, Russ Gibson, Willie McCovey, Skip Pitlock, Juan Marichal, Jim Hart, Don Carrithers, Jerry Johnson, Gaylord Perry, Tito Fuentes.

● It was the same old story for the San Francisco Giants. Willie McCovey, Willie Mays, Bobby Bonds, Ken Henderson and Dick Dietz hit home runs. Second and third base were a revolving door. The Giants' big bats scored the runs and the pitchers, with the exception of Gaylord Perry, opened the gates.

Clyde King was fired as manager on May 23 with the club resting at 19-23 in fifth place and still shell shocked from losing a 17-16 game to San Diego. Charlie Fox came up from Phoenix to take over.

Not until mid-August did the Giants get up to the .500 level and then they had to spurt in order to get into a second-place fight with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Juan Marichal was a major disappointment. He was in the hospital when the season opened and didn't start until April 25. At the All-Star break he had an unbelievable 3-7 record. Then he spurted to win six in a row to reach the 200-win career mark on Aug. 28. At the end of the season he was the Marichal of old. In the meantime Perry had to carry the load. He got a great deal of personal satisfaction out of becoming a 20-plus winner along with his brother Jim of Minnesota, the first time two brothers ever had been 20-game winners in the same year.

Rich Robertson, Ron Bryant, Skip Pitlock and Frank Reberger tried manfully to fill the gap. Reberger graduated from relief roles in July. Mick McCormick was 3-4 when he was sold to the Yankees in June. Don McMahon was the bullpen saver and his work staved off disaster.

While the pitchers were serving up runs, the bombers were breaking down fences. Willie Mays passed the 3,000-hit mark on July 18 and closed the gap on Babe Ruth to well under 100. Willie McCovey yielded his homer-RBI crowns to the Big Red Machine from Cincinnati but still was a fearsome slugger throughout the season. Bobby Bonds continued to improve in his role as the eventual replacement for Mays and batted over .300 consistently. Ken Henderson came on strong in left field, also filling in at center and right when Mays took his brief vacations.

McCovey was the big solid man of the infield, as usual. Tito Fuentes wound up shoving Ron Hunt off second base while Hal Lanier was the shortstop most of the time. Alan Gallagher, a rookie, opened at third, gave way to Jim Davenport who later retired to coach and finally Jim Ray Hart came back from a half-season on the Phoenix farm and started to club theball.

With Jack Hiatt and Bob Barton traded away, Dick Dietz became the No. 1 catcher, making the All-Star team and batting over .300 all year while topping 20 homers.

Willie McCovey had another big year—39 home runs and 126 runs batted in—but the Giants, off to a slow start, fired Clyde King as manager on May 23, after a 17-16 loss to San Diego. Willie Mays got his 3,000 hit but the club didn't reach the .500 level until mid-August.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
86	76	.531	16

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5578	831	1460	257	35	165	773	83	.262
Bonds	157	663	134	200	36	10	26	78	48	.302
Dietz	148	494	82	148	36	2	22	107	0	.300
Henderson	148	554	104	163	35	3	17	88	20	.294
Mays	139	478	94	139	15	2	28	83	5	.291
McCovey	152	495	98	143	39	2	39	126	0	.289
Hart	76	255	30	72	12	1	8	37	0	.282
Hunt	117	367	70	103	17	1	6	41	1	.281
F. Johnson	67	161	25	44	1	2	3	31	1	.273
Fuentes	123	435	49	116	13	7	2	33	4	.267
Gallagher	109	282	31	75	15	2	4	28	2	.266
Davenport	22	37	3	9	1	0	0	4	0	.243
Heise	67	154	15	36	5	1	1	22	0	.234
Gibson	24	69	3	16	6	0	0	6	0	.232
Lanier	134	438	33	101	13	1	2	41	1	.231
Taylor	63	84	12	16	0	0	2	10	0	.190
Mason	46	36	4	5	0	0	0	1	0	.139

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	50	7	1458	1514	604	931	86	76	4.50
McMahon	61	0	0	94	70	45	74	9	5	2.97
Perry	41	23	5	329	292	84	214	23	13	3.20
Jerry Johnson	40	0	0	77	73	41	49	5	4	4.09
Marichal	34	14	1	243	269	48	123	12	10	4.11
Pitlock	18	1	0	87	92	48	56	5	5	4.66
Bryant	34	1	0	96	103	38	66	5	8	4.78
Robertson	41	6	0	184	199	96	121	8	9	4.84
Reberger	45	3	0	152	178	98	117	7	8	5.57
McCormick	23	1	0	78	80	36	37	3	4	6.23
Davison	31	0	0	36	46	22	21	3	5	6.50
Carrithers	11	0	0	22	31	14	14	2	1	7.36
Puente	6	1	0	19	25	11	14	1	2	8.05

Batboys Leland Dushkin and Mike Tiller.

FRONT ROW: Assistant Trainer Robert Canales, John Edwards, Salty Parker, Mel McGaha, Manager Harry Walker, Buddy Hancken, Jim Owens, Joe Pepitone, Equipment Manager Whitey Diskin.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Jim Ewell, Norman Miller, Jim Wynn, Leon McFadden, Doug Rader, Denis Menke, Jim Beauchamp, Bob Watson, Marty Martinez, Jesus Alou, John Mayberry, Tommy Davis.

THIRD ROW: Keith Lampard, Don Wilson, Fred Gladding, Jim Bouton, Ron Cook, Jack Dilauro, Joe Morgan, Jack Billingham, Tom Griffin, Larry Dierker, Jim Ray, Denny Lemaster.

● Top flight strikeout pitching and the booming bat of long-haired Joe Pepitone were supposed to be the ingredients that would make the Astros a threat in the National League West in 1970. The pitching collapsed, Pepitone wound up suspended and finally traded to the Cubs and the Astros spent September dueling with Atlanta, the 1969 division winners, for fourth and fifth place.

Pepitone was among those critical of the managing of Harry (The Hat) Walker, and Jim Wynn kept sounding off that he wanted to be traded. Jim Bouton's book didn't help either although he wrote largely about his days with the Yankees and finally got the hook and retired after a series of so-so performances.

When Spec Richardson grades his talent for next year he must give high marks to 30-year-old Denis Menke, the Astros' most consistent hitter all season, Jesus Alou, speedy Joe Morgan and recognize the home run power of Wynn and Doug Rader. The only pitcher to get super grading would be Jack Billingham who came out of the bullpen in June and did a fine job.

Larry Dierker was considered a strong candidate to win 20 and was ranked with Tom Seaver by many observers but he fell far short despite an 8-2 start. An army tour in June got him off the track and he never completely recovered although he was the team's strikeout leader.

Denny Lemaster wound up in the bullpen after a 6-12 first half, Jim Ray went on relief in August, Tom Griffin was farmed out to Oklahoma City with a 3-9 mark and Don Wilson was on and off the disabled list due to tendonitis in his right shoulder. Wayne Blasingame, brought up from the minors when Bouton was cut, took Lemaster's starting turn but Billingham, a 6-7 performer in 1969, was a revelation once he got the green light to start. Young Ron Cook did some good work.

Walker opened the season with rookie John Mayberry on first, Joe Morgan at second, Denis Menke at short and Doug Rader at third. Mayberry failed to hit and gave way to Pepitone and later Bob Watson but came back in the final months. Although Menke may have reached the age where he has lost a step in the field his bat produced homers and stayed over the .300 mark all season. Morgan, the best base runner, played consistent ball but Rader, hot and cold, made brilliant plays and hit homers as his average rode the roller coaster.

After Pepitone left, the Astros' outfield normally found Jim Wynn in left, 19-year-old Cesar Cedeno, who started the year at Oklahoma City, in center and Jesus Alou in right. Alou added over 50 points to last year's disappointing average.

Jimmy Wynn belted 27 homers and stole 24 bases but was unhappy about being moved around and asked to be traded at the end of the season. Another unhappy Astro—long-haired Joe Pepitone—was traded to the Cubs and author Jim Bouton got the hook.

HOUSTON ASTROS

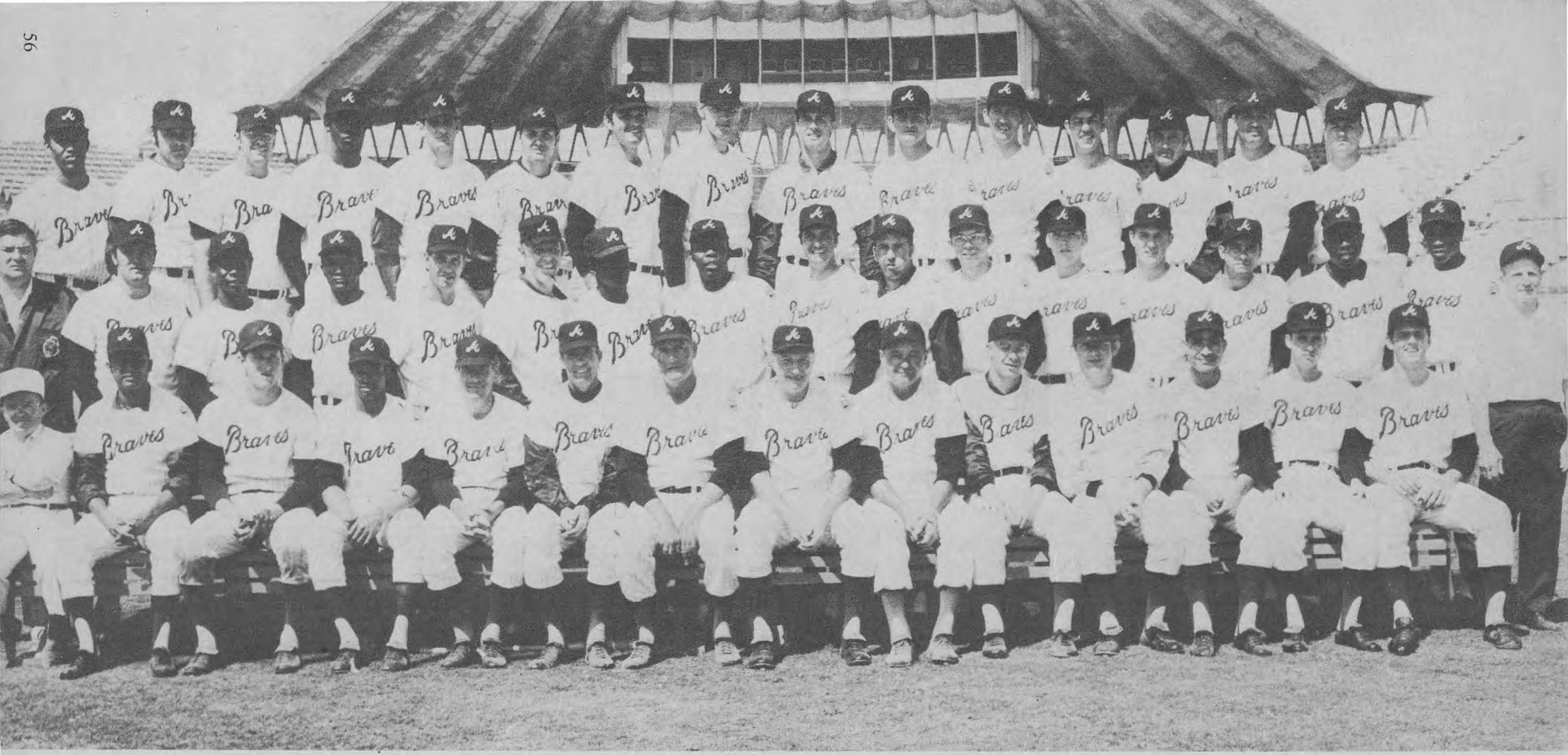
WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
79	83	.488	23

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5574	744	1446	250	47	129	694	115	.259
Cedeno	90	355	46	110	21	4	7	42	17	.310
Howard	31	88	11	27	6	0	2	16	0	.307
Alou	117	458	60	140	27	3	1	43	3	.306
Menke	154	562	82	171	26	6	13	92	6	.304
Wynn	157	554	82	156	32	2	27	88	24	.282
Watson	97	327	48	89	19	2	11	61	1	.272
Morgan	144	548	102	147	28	9	8	52	42	.268
Rader	156	576	90	145	25	3	25	87	3	.252
Torres	31	65	6	16	1	2	0	5	0	.246
Geronimo	47	37	5	9	0	0	0	2	0	.243
Miller	90	226	29	54	9	0	4	29	3	.239
Lampard	53	72	8	17	8	1	0	5	0	.236
Edwards	140	458	46	101	16	4	7	49	1	.221
Martinez	75	150	12	33	3	0	0	11	0	.220
Mayberry	50	148	23	32	3	2	5	14	1	.216
Bryant	15	24	2	5	0	0	0	3	0	.208

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	36	6	1456	1491	577	942	79	83	4.23
Ray	52	0	0	105	97	49	67	6	3	3.26
Blasingame	13	1	0	78	76	23	55	3	3	3.46
Cook	41	0	0	82	80	42	50	4	4	3.73
Dierker	37	17	2	270	263	82	191	16	12	3.87
Wilson	29	3	0	184	188	66	94	11	6	3.91
Billingham	46	8	2	188	190	63	134	13	9	3.97
Culver	43	2	0	102	108	46	54	6	6	3.97
Gladding	63	0	0	71	84	24	46	7	4	4.06
DiLauro	42	0	0	34	34	17	23	1	3	4.24
Lemaster	39	3	0	162	169	65	103	7	12	4.56
Bouton	29	1	0	73	84	33	49	4	6	5.42
Griffin	23	2	1	111	118	72	72	3	13	5.76



FRONT ROW: Traveling Secretary Don Davidson, Gil Garrido, Bob Didier, Sonny Jackson, Coach Billy Goodman, Coach Jim Busby, Manager Luman Harris, Coach Ken Silvestri, Coach Harry Dorish, Tom House, Pat Jarvis, Felix Millan, Mike McCammon, Mike McQueen.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Dave Pursley, Mike Lum, Ralph Garr, Tony Gonzalez, Hoyt Wilhelm, Bob Priddy, Hal King, Tommie Aaron, Bob Aspromonte, Clete Boyer, Darrell Evans, Stan Bell, Gary Hill, Rick Kester, Hank Aaron, Dusty Baker, Equipment Manager Mark Gladulich.

BACK ROW: Oscar Brown, Milt Pappas, Jim Breazeale, Bob Michell, Marlan Murphy, Larry Jaster, Jim Nash, Ron Reed, Gary Neibauer, Ron Schueler, Cecil Upshaw, George Stone, Phil Niekro, Bob Tillman, Jimmy Britton.

● Hank Aaron whizzed past the 3,000-hit mark on May 17 and took out after Willie Mays in the race to beat Babe Ruth's home run record. Orlando Cepeda had his best year. Rico Carty hit 400 into June. Four pitchers won in double figures. Hoyt Wilhelm passed the 1,000-game mark and still was winning.

The bare facts sound as though it should have been another good year for the Braves but the won-lost figures tell a different story. Instead of repeating as champs of the National League West they gradually settled into the lower regions and wound up battling with Houston for fourth place. At the All-Star mark they already were 19 games behind the high-flying Cincinnati Reds.

Injuries took their toll on the Braves. Ron Reed, an 18-game winner, suffered a broken collarbone in March and never pitched a ball until June 19. A freak accident took reliefer Cecil Upshaw out for the season. Orlando Cepeda had the virus, Felix Millan jammed a finger, Sonny Jackson was spiked, Rico Carty pulled a muscle and chipped a finger bone and Hank Aaron hurt his knee.

With young prospects like Oscar Brown, Mike Lum, Ralph Garr and Dusty Baker on the way, Hank Aaron may wind up on first base next year. Hank played first a few games and wouldn't mind the shift. Aaron had another one of those years, hitting over .300 consistently while hammering homers and driving in well over 100 runs. Any day he will be hitting homer No. 600.

Carty had a sensational spring and hung right in there all summer, despite missing several games due to injuries, to beat Roberto Clemente for the batting title. Tony Gonzalez, who started out as the center fielder, wound up with the California Angels while Luman Harris looked at Mike Lum and Oscar Brown in center.

The left half of the infield was super. Orlando Cepeda hit over 30 homers and topped the 100 mark in RBI's and Felix Millan, the All-Star second baseman until forced out of action with a jammed finger, had a brilliant season. Gil Garrido outhit Sonny Jackson as the shortstop regular and Clete Boyer played third.

Hal King's home run bat convinced the brass to farm Bob Didier, the regular catcher in 1969, to Richmond.

Phil Niekro, a 23-game winner last season, never really got going, losing his first four. He didn't win 10 until mid-August. Pat Jarvis, despite back trouble in July, was the top winner. Jim Nash, acquired from Oakland for Felipe Alou, had a 10-2 first half before he slumped. Ron Stone, the only lefty, showed potential and Ron Reed did his thing after his late start. Wilhelm and Bob Priddy did the heavy work in the bullpen.

Rico Carty won the National League batting crown with a .366 mark and for a while looked like he might become the majors' first .400 hitter since Ted Williams' .406 in 1941. Hank Aaron, Orlando Cepeda and Felix Millan all had solid years but injuries hurt the Braves.

ATLANTA BRAVES

	WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
	76	86	.469	26

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5546	736	1495	215	24	160	692	58	.2695
Carty	136	478	84	175	23	3	25	101	1	.366
Millan	142	590	100	183	25	5	2	37	16	.310
Cepeda	148	567	87	173	33	0	34	111	6	.305
H. Aaron	150	516	103	154	26	1	38	118	9	.298
Garr	37	96	18	27	3	0	0	8	5	.281
Gonzalez	123	430	57	114	18	2	7	55	3	.265
Garrido	101	367	38	97	5	4	1	19	0	.264
King	89	204	29	53	8	0	11	30	1	.260
Jackson	103	328	60	85	14	3	0	20	10	.259
Lum	123	291	25	74	17	2	7	28	3	.254
Boyer	134	475	44	117	14	1	16	62	2	.246
Tillman	71	223	19	53	5	0	11	30	0	.238
Aspromonte	62	127	5	27	3	0	0	7	0	.213
T. Aaron	44	63	3	13	2	0	2	7	0	.206
Hall	67	79	9	13	3	0	2	5	0	.165
Didier	57	168	9	25	2	1	0	7	1	.149

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	45	9	1431	1451	478	960	76	86	4.33
Jarvis	36	11	1	254	240	72	173	16	16	3.61
Stone	35	9	2	207	218	50	131	11	11	3.87
Nash	34	6	2	212	211	90	153	13	9	4.08
Navarro	17	0	0	26	24	1	21	0	0	4.15
Niekro	34	10	2	230	222	68	168	12	18	4.27
Reed	21	6	0	134	140	39	68	7	10	4.40
Neibauer	7	0	0	13	11	8	9	0	3	4.85
Priddy	41	0	0	73	75	24	32	5	5	5.42
McQueen	22	1	0	66	67	31	54	1	5	5.59
Kester	15	0	0	32	36	19	20	0	0	5.63
Jaster	14	0	0	22	33	8	9	1	1	6.95
Cardwell	32	1	1	48	62	19	24	2	3	7.69

FRONT ROW: Chris Cannizzaro, Ron Willis, Dave Campbell, Whitey Wietelmann, Bob Skinner, Preston Gomez, Roger Graig, Dave Garcia, Nate Colbert, Larry Stahl.

SECOND ROW: Trainer John Mattei, Al Ferrara, Pat Dobson, Clay Kirby, Tom Dukes, Dave Roberts, Clarence Gaston, Ron Slocum, Ivan Murrell, Dan Coombs, Ollie Brown, Equipment Manager Ray Peralta.

BACK ROW: Earl Wilson, Ramon Webster, Ed Spiezio, Jack Baldschun, Jose Arcia, Steve Huntz, Tommy Dean, Bob Barton, Ron Herbel, Assistant Trainer "Tiny" Tunis.

● When Preston Gomez lifted Clay Kirby for a pinch hitter while he was pitching a losing no-hitter against the Mets July 21, he may have sealed his own doom with San Diego fans.

The Padres managed to win a few more games than they did on their maiden voyage in 1969 but they still were a distant last in the National West while Cincinnati ran away with the division flag.

Although Gil Hodges called the Padres "the most improved team in the league" as his Mets split the series with them and Claude Osteen of the Dodgers said "you have to respect their right hand power as much as Cincinnati" they were 10 games back before the season was one month old.

August spurts by Al Ferrara, Ollie Brown and Ed Spezio, plus the consistent season-long hitting of Clarence Gaston and the power of Nate Colbert made the Padres respectable. At the time of the All-Star break, the club had 100 home runs, compared to 99 in the entire year of 1969.

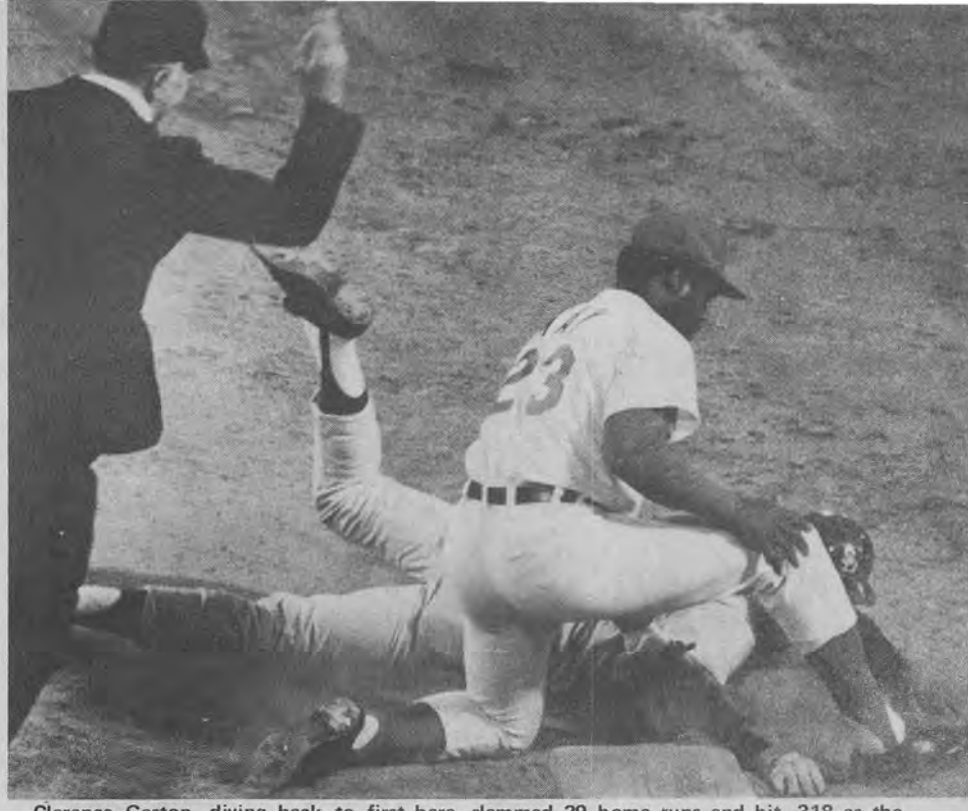
The deal with Detroit that brought Pat Dobson and Dave Campbell for Niekro helped. Dobson was a workhorse with well over 200 innings and the top winner on the team. Campbell was the regular second baseman and showed power despite a low average.

Gomez wound up with an infield of Colbert at first, Campbell at second, Jose Arcia at short and Spezio at third after experimenting with Tommy Dean and ex-Cardinal Steve Huntz at short. Rafael Robles got a late look. Spezio who made 19 errors last year, improved his fielding and brought his average up to the .300 area. Colbert had 19 home runs before the All-Star game but never got much above .250.

Gaston, a member of the Top Ten hitters association for most of the year, got off strong and kept it up as he conquered the boos and 117 strikeouts of 1969. Ivan Murrell played left until Ferrara got hot with a .373 mark in August and Ollie Brown showed steady improvement as a power slugger in right.

Chris Cannizzarro, the No. 1 catcher, flirted with .300 all year after hitting only .220 in 1969.

Dobson was the workhorse of the staff. Danny Coombs, a conditional purchase from Houston, came along and Kirby showed flashes of brilliance, especially in that near no-hitter against the Mets. Mike Corkins spent August in the minors and Earl Wilson, picked up from Detroit, flopped. Dave Roberts won five after graduating from the bullpen but couldn't win in the second half. Ron Herbel, the relief ace in the first half, was traded to the Mets in August. Ron Willis, ex-Card, and Tom Dukes manned the bullpen.



Clarence Gaston, diving back to first here, slammed 29 home runs and hit .318 as the expansion Padres won a few more games than their first season in 1969 but still managed to finish a distant last in the NL West. Owner Buzzy Bavasi suggested league try four-day week.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
63	99	.389	39

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5494	681	1353	208	36	172	629	60	.246
Gaston	146	584	92	186	26	9	29	93	4	.318
Brown	139	534	79	156	34	1	23	89	5	.292
Spiezio	110	316	45	90	18	1	12	42	4	.285
Cannizzaro	111	341	27	95	13	3	5	42	2	.279
Ferrara	138	372	44	103	15	4	13	51	0	.277
Colbert	156	572	84	148	17	6	38	86	3	.259
Webster	95	116	12	30	3	0	2	11	1	.259
Murrell	125	347	43	85	9	3	12	35	9	.245
Arcia	114	229	28	51	9	3	0	17	3	.223
Dean	61	158	18	35	5	1	2	13	2	.222
Campbell	154	581	71	127	28	2	12	40	18	.219
Huntz	106	352	54	77	8	0	11	37	0	.219
Barton	61	188	15	41	6	0	4	16	1	.218
Robles	23	89	5	19	1	0	0	3	3	.213
Stahl	52	66	5	12	2	0	0	3	2	.182
Kelly	38	89	9	15	3	0	1	9	0	.169
Slocum	60	71	8	10	2	2	1	11	0	.141

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	24	9	1441	1483	611	886	63	99	4.35
Coombs	35	5	1	188	185	76	105	10	14	3.30
Dobson	40	8	1	251	257	78	187	14	15	3.76
Roberts	43	3	2	182	182	43	102	8	14	3.81
Willis	42	0	0	56	53	28	20	2	2	4.02
Dukes	53	0	0	69	62	24	57	1	6	4.04
Kirby	36	6	1	213	198	121	154	10	16	4.56
Corkins	24	1	0	111	109	79	75	5	6	4.62
Wilson	15	0	0	65	82	19	29	1	6	4.85
Ross	33	0	0	62	72	36	39	2	3	5.23
Santorini	21	0	0	76	91	43	41	1	8	6.04
Doyle	9	0	0	7	9	6	2	0	2	6.43
Baldschun	12	0	0	13	24	4	12	1	0	10.38

Batboy Tom Hallahan

FRONT ROW: Tony Bartirome, Roberto Clemente, Coach Don Leppert, Coach Bill Virdon, Coach Frank Oceak, Manager Danny Murtaugh, Coach Don Osborn, Coach Dave Ricketts, Manny Sanguillen, Fred Patek, Bill Mazeroski, Equipment Manager John Hallahan.

SECOND ROW: Team Physician Dr. Joseph Finegold, Al Oliver, Bruce Dal Canton, Fred Cambria, Jose Pagan, Gene Clines, Dave Giusti, Dave Cash, Jim Grant, George Kopacz, George Brunet, Milton May, Gene Alley, Luke Walker, Traveling Secretary John Fitzpatrick.

BACK ROW: Matty Alou, Ed Acosta, John Lamb, John Jeter, Bob Moose, Bob Veale, Steve Blass, Dock Ellis, Bob Robertson, Richie Hebner, Jerry May, Willie Stargell and Joe Gibbon.

● No Pirate pitcher won 20 games. No Pittsburgh batter knocked in 100 runs. Six other clubs hit more home runs. But the 8-1 shots of the spring beat the Mets head-to-head when it counted most and won the National East with room to spare.

It was an amazing success story for Danny Murtaugh who returned to manage the club for a third term and managed to recapture many of the glorious moments of the 1960 world champions. Only Murtaugh, Bill Mazeroski, Roberto Clemente and coach Bill Virdon remained from the '60 team as the 1970 version overcame a series of crippling injuries to beat back both the Mets and Cubs in a frantic September finish.

Clemente, troubled by an aching back, was of little use in the September drive. At various times during the long hot summer, Steve Blass, Dock Ellis, Bob Veale and Bob Moose were useless and Murtaugh had to juggle furiously with kids from the farm system and converted starters from the bullpen.

In the final analysis it was the Pirates' ability to beat the Mets in their two final series that did the job. The Bucs met the 1969 world champs seven times in two weekend series and won six. Five of the games were decided by one run, including the Sept. 27 clincher when Dock Ellis and Dave Giusti, the premier relief ace, whipped Jim McAndrew at Shea Stadium 2-1.

"It's poetic justice," said a happy Murtaugh in a champagne shower, "that Dave Giusti was in there at the end of the clincher. If anybody was the key in a team effort it was Giusti."

Blass didn't win from July 4 to Aug. 18, spending time on the disabled list after being hit by a line drive and then developing elbow trouble. Ellis was out from Aug. 10 to Sept. 17 with elbow problems after pitching a no-hitter June 12 against San Diego. Moose, a slow starter after doing duty in the Marines, missed July due to tendonitis. Veale suffered from a chronic shoulder problem. Walker, the big winner of the staff, was in the bullpen from May 4 to July 19.

George Brunet and Mudcat Grant, late pickups, helped Murtaugh who was helped by Jim Nelson, John Lamb, Fred Cambria, Joe Gibbon and Bruce DalCanton at various stages.

Willie Stargell had a big homer year and Clemente was right up there fighting for the batting title despite injuries. Matty Alou played center and Al Oliver, who opened at first base, filled in for Clemente.

Manny Sanguillen did most of the catching and hit well up in the .320 league.

Roberto Clemente batted .352 but was of little use in the September drive because of an aching back. It was the Pirates' ability to beat the Mets head-on in their final two series that gained them the NL East flag, an amazing success story for returning Danny Murtaugh.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — **EASTERN DIVISION PENNANT WINNER**

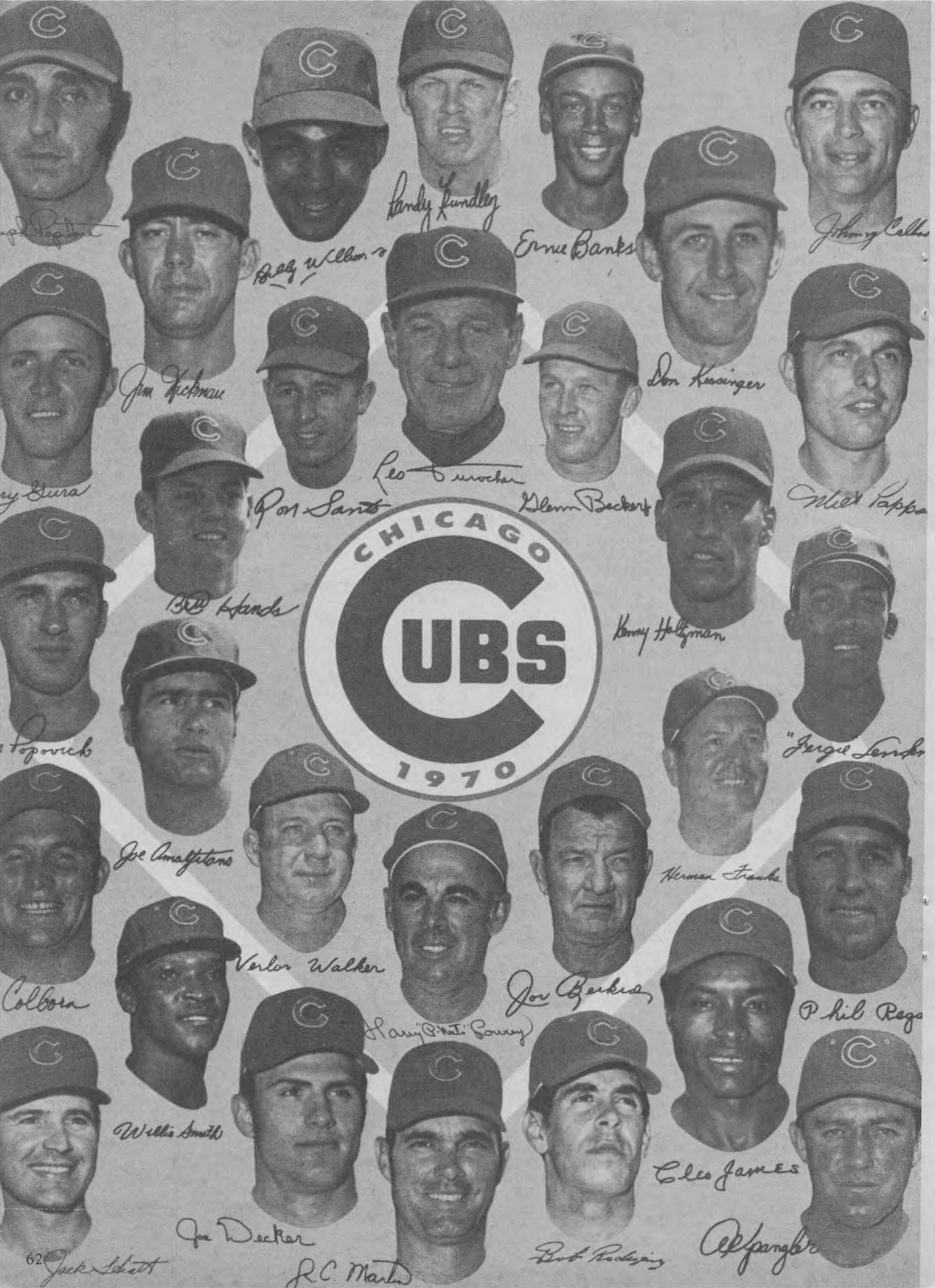
WON	LOST	PCT.
89	73	.549

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5637	729	1522	235	70	130	676	66	.2700
Clines	31	37	4	15	2	0	0	3	2	.405
Clemente	108	412	65	145	22	10	14	60	3	.352
Sanguillen	128	486	63	158	19	9	7	61	2	.325
Cash	64	210	30	66	7	6	1	28	5	.314
Alou	155	677	97	201	21	8	1	47	19	.297
Hebner	120	420	60	122	24	8	11	46	2	.290
Robertson	117	390	69	112	19	4	27	82	4	.287
Oliver	151	551	63	149	33	5	12	83	1	.270
Pagan	95	230	21	61	14	1	7	29	1	.265
Stargell	136	474	70	125	18	3	31	85	0	.264
Patek	84	237	42	58	10	5	1	19	8	.245
Alley	121	426	46	104	16	5	8	41	7	.244
Jeter	85	126	27	30	3	2	2	12	9	.238
Mazeroski	112	367	29	84	14	0	7	39	2	.229
J.May	51	139	13	29	4	2	1	16	0	.209

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	36	13	1454	1386	625	990	89	73	3.70
Grant	8	0	0	12	8	2	5	2	1	2.25
Brunet	12	0	0	17	19	9	17	1	1	2.65
Lamb	23	0	0	32	23	13	24	0	1	2.81
Walker	42	5	3	163	129	89	124	15	6	3.04
Giusti	66	0	0	103	98	39	85	9	3	3.06
Ellis	30	9	4	202	194	87	128	13	10	3.21
Nelson	15	1	1	68	64	38	42	4	2	3.44
Blass	31	6	1	197	187	73	120	10	12	3.52
Cambria	6	0	0	33	37	12	14	1	2	3.55
Veale	34	5	1	202	189	94	178	10	15	3.92
Moose	28	9	2	190	186	64	119	11	10	3.98
Dal Canton	41	1	0	85	94	39	53	9	4	4.55
Pena	23	0	0	38	38	7	25	2	1	4.74
Gibbon	41	0	0	41	44	24	26	0	1	4.83
Garber	14	0	0	22	22	10	7	0	3	5.32


CHICAGO
CUBS
1970
Randy Hundley
Ernie Banks
Jim Hickman
Don Kessinger
Leo Durocher
Ron Santo
Glenn Beckert
Bill Hands
Kenny Holtzman
Joe Amalfitano
Herman Franks
Verlon Walker
Jon Berkeley
Willie Smith
Cleo James
Joe Decker
Jack Schatt
R.C. Martin
Bob Rodgers
Phil Regan

● The Cubs shot the works in all-out try for the 1970 pennant, but once again they fell short after laying out heavy cash for Joe Pepitone, Milt Pappas, Tommy Davis, Bob Miller and Hoyt Wilhelm.

For 64 beautiful days the Wrigley Field customers basked in the warm glow of first place. But the Cubbies dropped out of the lead June 24 in the midst of a 12-game losing streak and never did get back on top.

A four-game final series with the Mets at Shea Stadium turned out to be an anticlimatic battle for second place after the Pirates clinched the National East championship Sept. 27. The Cubs gained second by beating the Mets on the last day of the season.

Billy Williams, a season-long contender for the Most Valuable Player Award, finally ended his long consecutive game streak voluntarily when he sat out the Sept. 3 game, snapping the string at 1,117.

Ferguson Jenkins, the ace of the thin pitching staff, became the first National Leaguer to win 20 or more games in four consecutive years since Juan Marichal in 1963-66. Fergy still was in there battling, beating the Phillies for win No. 21 the day the Pirates clinched by beating the Mets. He then won No. 22 against the Mets to gain second place for the Cubs.

Kenny Holtzman and Bill Hands were the only other dependable starters as Durocher experimented with Joe Decker and young Larry Gura until he was able to snatch Milt Pappas from the Atlanta Braves for $75,000 on July 26. Pappas won nine games in the first nine weeks he was with the Cubs as the fourth starter.

It was an in-and-out year for Ron Santo who abandoned his heel-clicking routine after Cub victories after the 1969 flop. Santo struggled through a batting slump and moaned about being demoted to the No. 1 spot in the order in May. After a brief stay on the bench he went on a tear in the second half only to sit out the final series because of a threat on his life.

Glenn Beckert at second and Don Kessinger at short maintained their 1969 batting level and continued to be the key men in the infield.

Jim Hickman was the big surprise of the year, batting between .340 and .320, topping 30 homers and knocking in over 115 runs. Hickman played first when Banks was out, performed in center until Joe Pepitone arrived and spelled ex-Phil Johnny Callison in right against lefty pitchers. Pepitone, who rode to and from the ball park in a chauffered limo, hit some timely homers after being acquired from Houston. Tommy Davis had a few key hits but Hoyt Wilhelm arrived too late to be of much help in the pennant race.

Billy Williams had a super year—.322, 42 home runs, 129 runs batted in. Jim Hickman hit .315, 32 homers and 115 RBI's. Ron Santo drove home 114 runs. The Cubs got a lot of help from Joe Pepitone and Milt Pappas. But a 12-game losing streak killed their pennant drive.

CHICAGO CUBS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
84	78	.519	5

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5492	806	1424	228	44	179	761	39	.259
Williams	161	636	137	205	34	4	42	129	7	.322
Hickman	149	514	102	162	33	4	32	115	0	.315
Beckert	143	591	99	170	15	6	3	36	4	.288
T. Davis	68	255	28	71	14	2	5	38	8	.278
Santo	154	555	83	148	30	4	26	114	2	.267
Kessinger	154	631	100	168	21	14	1	39	12	.266
Callison	147	477	65	126	23	2	19	67	7	.264
Pepitone	131	492	82	127	18	7	26	79	5	.258
Hiatt	82	221	23	57	14	1	2	29	0	.258
Popovich	78	186	22	47	5	1	4	20	0	.253
Banks	72	222	25	56	6	2	12	44	0	.252
Hundley	73	250	13	61	5	0	7	36	0	.244
Smith	87	167	15	36	9	1	5	24	2	.216
James	100	176	33	37	7	2	3	14	5	.210
Gagliano	44	72	5	12	0	0	0	7	0	.167
Martin	40	77	11	12	1	0	1	4	0	.156

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	59	9	1435	1402	475	1001	84	78	3.76
Pappas	32	7	2	180	179	43	105	12	10	3.35
Holtzman	39	15	1	288	271	94	202	17	11	3.38
Jenkins	40	24	3	313	265	60	274	22	16	3.39
Wilhelm	53	0	0	82	73	42	68	6	5	3.40
Colborn	34	0	0	73	88	23	50	3	1	3.58
Hands	39	12	2	265	278	76	170	18	15	3.70
Gura	20	1	0	38	35	23	21	1	3	3.79
Pizarro	12	0	0	16	16	9	14	0	0	4.50
Aguirre	17	0	0	14	13	9	11	3	0	4.50
Decker	24	1	0	109	108	56	79	2	7	4.62
Regan	54	0	0	76	81	32	32	5	9	4.74
Rodriquez	36	0	0	60	76	20	54	3	2	6.00

FRONT ROW: Trainer Tom McKenna, Batboy Bob Sacha, Coach Yogi Berra, Coach Eddie Yost, Coach Rube Walker, Batboy Bill Curtin, Trainer Joe Deer.

SECOND ROW: Gary Gentry, Al Weiss, Tug McGraw, Bud Harrelson, Manager Gil Hodges, Cleon Jones, Ray Sadecki, Duffy Dyer, Joe Foy, Jerry Grote.

THIRD ROW: Tommie Agee, Jim McAndrew, Dave Marshall, Ken Boswell, Wayne Garrett, Mike Jorgensen, Dan Frisella, Ron Taylor, Rich Folkers, Traveling Secretary Lou Niss.

BACK ROW: Equipment Manager Nick Torman, Ken Singleton, Tom Seaver, Ron Swoboda, Jerry Koosman, Donn Clendenon, Art Shamsky, Nolan Ryan, Clubhouse Attendant Roy Neuer.

● The Mets ran out of miracles in 1970 and superman Tom Seaver was reduced to the role of an ordinary mortal. In the end it was their inability to handle the Pirates in head-to-head combat that did the Mets in. They lost six of seven to Pittsburgh on the last two weekends of the season.

Although the Mets scored more runs, hit for a higher average and slugged more homers than they did while winning the pennant and world championship in 1969, the pitching staff let them down. The staff that pitching coach Rube Walker described as possibly the best ever put together, couldn't cut the mustard when the chips were on the line.

Seaver underwent a painful experience in the dying days of a frustrating season when the Met fans with short memories booed him after he had been knocked out of the box. Seaver, the Cy Young winner of 1969, tied the major league strikeout record by whiffing 19 San Diego Padres, the last 10 in succession, April 22. He ran his two-year win streak to 16 before he lost to Montreal May 11. Then he lost five of his next six before starting on a nine-game win streak to make him 16-5 shortly after the All-Star break.

Starting with an Aug. 15 defeat on a passed ball and a throwing error by Jerry Grote, the handsome ace went into an unbelievable tailspin. Down the stretch in 12 starts he won two, lost seven and had three no decisions. After a 25-7 season in 1969 he wound up with 18 wins and a tired right arm.

If Seaver flopped in late season, Jerry Koosman's early season problems were just as deadly to the Mets' hopes of repeating. Koos, troubled by an aching left elbow, didn't win in his first six starts and didn't pitch a complete game until May 16. He came on strong in the last month but wound up with only 12 wins, compared to 17 in 1969.

Gary Gentry went 44 days without a win and failed to match his 13 wins of the miracle year. Jim McAndrew was the most efficient pitcher in August and September after a sad start and Nolan Ryan, in and out of service, again failed to live up to his great promise. Ray Sadecki, acquired from the Giants, was helpful but the bullpen pair of Ron Taylor and Tug McGraw ran out of gas. Dan Frisella, recalled from the Tidewater farm in August, emerged as the stopper.

Gil Hodges stuck with Cleon Jones in left and Tommie Agee in center but platooned in right with Dave Marshall, Ron Swoboda and rookie Ken Singleton. Swoboda complained bitterly about his part time role.

Don Clendennon had a big home run year while platooning with Art Shamsky at first. Bud Harrelson was a fixture at short but tired in late season.

After a fine first half Tom Seaver went into an unbelievable tailspin and won only two of his last 12 starts. He wound up with an 18-12 mark, as compared to his 25-7 Cy Young Award winning season in 1969. Jerry Koosman and Gary Gentry also failed to match '69 efforts.

NEW YORK METS

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
83	79	.512	6

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5443	695	1358	211	42	120	640	118	.249
Shamsky	122	403	48	118	19	2	11	49	1	.293
Clendenon	121	396	65	114	18	3	22	97	4	.288
Agee	153	636	107	182	30	7	24	75	31	.286
Jones	134	506	71	140	25	8	10	63	12	.277
Singleton	69	198	22	52	8	0	5	26	1	.263
Grote	126	415	38	106	14	1	2	34	2	.255
Garrett	114	366	74	93	17	4	12	45	5	.254
Boswell	105	351	32	89	13	2	5	44	5	.254
Harrelson	157	564	72	137	18	8	1	42	23	.243
Marshall	92	189	21	46	10	1	6	29	4	.243
Foy	99	322	39	76	12	0	6	37	22	.236
Swoboda	115	245	29	57	8	2	9	40	2	.233
Dyer	59	148	8	31	1	0	2	12	1	.209
Weis	75	121	20	25	7	1	1	11	1	.207
Jorgensen	76	87	15	17	3	1	3	4	2	.195
Kranepool	43	47	2	8	0	0	0	3	0	.170

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	47	10	1460	1260	575	1064	83	79	3.45
Seaver	37	19	2	291	230	83	283	18	12	2.81
Frisella	30	0	0	66	49	34	54	8	3	3.00
Koosman	30	5	1	212	189	71	118	12	7	3.14
McGraw	57	0	0	91	77	49	81	4	6	3.26
Koonce	13	0	0	22	25	14	10	0	2	3.27
Ryan	27	5	2	132	86	97	125	7	11	3.41
McAndrew	32	9	3	184	166	38	111	10	14	3.57
Gentry	32	5	2	188	155	86	134	9	9	3.69
Sadecki	28	4	0	138	134	52	89	8	4	3.91
Taylor	57	0	0	66	65	16	28	5	4	3.95
Herbel	76	0	0	124	128	41	61	9	7	4.57
Folkers	16	0	0	29	36	25	15	0	2	6.52
Chance	3	0	0	2	3	2	0	0	1	13.50

Batboys Don Deason and Jerry Risch.

FRONT ROW: Vic Davalillo, Milt Ramirez, Jerry Reuss, Carl Taylor, Coach Billy Muffett, Manager Red Schoendienst, Coach Dick Sisler, Coach Bob Milliken, Coach George Kissell, Bart Zeller, Billy McCool.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Bob Bauman, Chuck Hartenstein, Joe Torre, Al Hrabosky, Chuck Taylor, Joe Hague, Sal Campisi, Frank Linzy, Jim Beauchamp, Steve Carlton and Asst. Trainer Gene Gieselmann.

BACK ROW: Lou Brock, Nelson Briles, Joe Cardenal, Rich Allen, Leron Lee, Mike Shannon, Dal Maxvill, Julian Javier, Bob Gibson.

● Joe Torre and Lou Brock had good years, Richie Allen hit the expected long ball until injured in August and Bob Gibson topped 20 wins for the fifth time in six years but the Cardinals sagged below .500 and never were an important pennant factor after early July. On the night of July 25 they were a shocking last in the National League East.

Allen, the temperamental ex-Phil, was welcome with open arms in St. Louis and given a standing ovation. He responded with a barrage of homers. He had knocked 33 out of the park and driven in 100 runs before forced out of action Aug. 14 with a pulled hamstring muscle that proved to be more serious than originally thought.

After experimenting with Joe Torre on third base in training camp, Red Schoendienst moved Allen from first to third to open the season. Mike Shannon's kidney ailment that kept him out until May 15 and finally forced his retirement for the year, left third base open. Allen went back to first base in mid-May, had another brief shot at third and even played left field before going back to first to stay.

Gibson got off to the kind of a start that had people asking out loud if he had lost his fast ball. The man who usually goes all the way failed to complete any of his first three starts and was knocked out in five of his first six games. Once Hoot hit his stride he was his old self, rolling to 12-4 by the All-Star break and winning No. 20 Sept. 6.

Unfortunately for Schoendienst, Gibson did not have much help from the rest of the staff. Steve Carlton, who held out into the exhibition season and thus got a late start, couldn't win for losing. Even when the talented lefty pitched a low-hit game the Cards failed to score behind him.

Nelson Briles, another slow starter, didn't get a starting assignment until May 2 and spent June on the disabled list due to a pulled hamstring. The 15-game winner of 1969 was only 1-2 at the All-Star break and spent much time in the bullpen.

When Ted Simmons came out of the army and came up to the parent blub to catch after a brief stay in Tulsa, Torre went to third and Allen to first. Shortstop was unsettled all year with Dal Maxvill finally filling in at second for Julian Javier. At various times Milt Ramirez, Jim Kennedy, Ed Crosby and Maxvill played short.

Brock pulled his average up steadily and made his usual contributions of extra base hits and stolen bases. Although Jose Cardenal hit better than he had at Cleveland there were reports that the center fielder would be traded again. Right field was manned by Leron Lee, Carl Taylor and Joe Hague until he took over first when Allen was hurt.

After a slow start in which he was knocked out in five of his first six starts, Bob Gibson got hot and rolled to a 23-7 mark. Unfortunately, Hoot got little help from his fellow hurlers and, despite solid seasons by Torre, Brock, and Allen, Cards were never real threat.

	WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
	76	86	.469	13

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5689	744	1497	218	51	113	688	117	.263
Torre	161	624	89	203	27	9	21	100	2	.325
Davalillo	111	183	29	57	14	3	1	33	4	.311
Brock	155	664	114	202	29	5	13	57	51	.304
Melendez	21	70	11	21	1	0	0	8	3	.300
Cardenal	148	552	73	162	32	6	10	74	26	.293
Allen	122	459	88	128	17	5	34	101	5	.279
Hague	139	451	58	122	16	4	14	68	2	.271
Crosby	38	95	9	24	4	1	0	6	0	.253
Javier	139	513	62	129	16	3	2	42	6	.251
Carl Taylor	104	245	39	61	12	2	6	45	5	.249
Simmons	82	284	29	69	8	2	3	24	2	.243
Beauchamp	75	84	11	20	2	0	2	10	2	.238
Lee	121	264	28	60	13	1	6	23	5	.227
Shannon	55	174	18	37	9	2	0	22	1	.213
Maxvill	152	399	35	80	5	2	0	28	0	.201
Ramirez	62	79	8	15	2	1	0	3	0	.190

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	51	11	1476	1483	632	960	76	86	4.05
Abernathy	22	0	0	27	24	17	10	1	0	2.67
Campisi	37	0	0	49	53	37	26	2	2	2.94
Gibson	34	23	3	294	262	88	274	23	7	3.12
Chuck Taylor	56	1	1	124	116	31	64	6	7	3.12
Bertaina	8	0	0	31	36	15	14	1	2	3.19
Carlton	34	13	2	254	239	109	193	10	19	3.72
Hilgendorf	23	0	0	21	22	13	13	0	4	3.86
Reuss	20	5	2	127	132	49	74	7	8	4.11
Torrez	30	5	1	179	168	103	100	8	10	4.22
Linzy	67	0	0	87	99	34	35	5	6	4.66
Hrabosky	16	0	0	19	22	7	12	2	1	4.74
Hartenstein	23	0	0	37	49	13	23	1	1	6.08
McCool	18	0	0	22	20	15	16	0	3	6.14
Briles	30	1	1	107	129	36	59	6	7	6.22
Cleveland	16	0	0	26	31	18	22	0	4	7.62

FRONT ROW: Batboy John Dunn, Denny Doyle, Larry Bowa, Tony Taylor, Dick Selma, Grant Jackson, Barry Lersch, Larry Hisle, Oscar Gamble, Batboy Bernie Madrack.

SECOND ROW: Traveling Secretary Eddie Ferenz, Rick Joseph, John Briggs, Byron Browne, Ray Rippelmeyer, Bill DeMars, Manager Frank Lucchesi, George Myatt, Doc Edwards, Jim Hutto, Don Money, Mike Ryan, Trainer Don Serger.

BACK ROW: Ron Stone, Deron Johnson, Jim Bunning, Chris Short, Fred Wenz, Woodie Fryman, Rick Wise, Joe Hoerner, Terry Harmon, Lowell Palmer.

● Despite crippling injuries to Tim McCarver and Mike Ryan, a seven-game losing streak in April and a 10-game losing slump in May, the Phillies did show improvement in 1970.

Under Frank Lucchesi, an unknown manager from the minors, they won more games than last year and even managed to get invited to Bowie Kuhn's World Series planning party in September when they still had a long shot chance.

Lucchesi came to the Phils with a youth program in his hand and wasted no time putting it into effect. The Eugene, Ore. farm pair of Denny Doyle and Larry Bowa was installed as the second base-shortstop combination and Don Money moved over from short to third to make room for them. Only Deron Johnson at first was a veteran.

Doyle had trouble coming close to his .310 minor league average and languished in the .230s and .220s most of the summer, giving way from time to time to the veteran Tony Taylor. Bowa, who was not supposed to hit, did better than expected and came on strong after dipping to .170 in May. Rival managers raved about the rookie shortstop's strong arm, speed and fielding range.

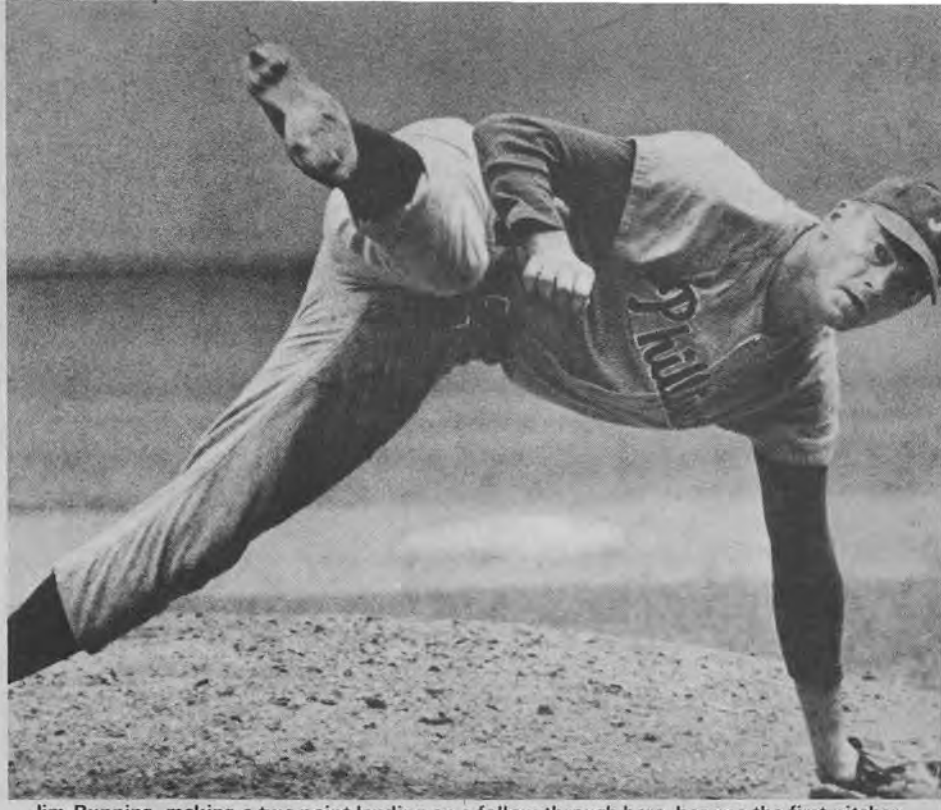
Money, who batted only .229 last year, started out at the .368 level in May and .346 in June and never dipped below .300 until mid-August after missing a month due to an eye injury. He drove in runs, hit homers and acted the part of a super star of the future.

Johnson never got much above .250 but the 31-year-old vet led the club in homers and RBI's and won many a game with a timely clout.

Nobody can remember when a club lost its No. 1 and No. 2 catchers in the same day until the Phils managed it May 2. Tim McCarver, acquired from the Cardinals in the Curt Flood-Richie Allen deal, suffered a fracture of the right hand and Mike Ryan fractured his left hand. In the emergency, coach Doc Edwards was activated and Mike Compton and Del Bates were recalled from the minors. Ryan came back July 6 but was hurt again. McCarver never played until Sept. 1.

When Curt Flood refused to report and took baseball to court, the Phils had to leave Larry Hisle in center. Hisle, a fine prospect, still is having his trouble at the plate. Johnny Briggs and Taylor played left, Oscar Gamble backed up Hisle and Byron Browne and Ron Stone divided right field. With Flood absent and Johnny Callison traded to he Cubs the outfield never did shape up.

Jim Bunning became the first since Cy Young to win 100 in both leagues Aug. 11. Chris Short had his problems after a year layoff. Woody Fryman missed two months with a sore elbow and Grant Jackson flopped. Rick Wise was the most consistent starter.



Jim Bunning, making a two-point landing on a follow through here, became the first pitcher since Cy Young to win 100 in each major loop. Despite injuries to their top two catchers, Curt Flood's refusal to report, and hassles over their new park, the Phillies did improve.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

WON	LOST	PCT.	G.B.
73	88	.453	15½

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	161	5456	594	1299	224	58	101	553	72	.238
Taylor	124	439	74	132	26	9	9	55	9	.301
Money	120	447	66	132	25	4	14	66	4	.295
McCarver	44	164	16	47	11	1	4	14	2	.287
Briggs	110	341	43	92	15	7	9	47	5	.270
Edwards	35	78	5	21	0	0	0	6	0	.269
Stone	123	321	30	84	12	5	3	39	5	.262
Gamble	88	275	31	72	12	4	1	19	5	.262
Johnson	159	574	66	147	28	3	27	93	0	.256
Bowa	145	547	50	137	17	6	0	34	24	.250
Browne	104	270	29	67	17	2	10	36	1	.248
Harmon	71	129	16	32	2	4	0	7	6	.248
Joseph	71	119	7	27	2	1	3	10	0	.227
Doyle	112	413	43	86	10	7	2	16	6	.208
Hisle	126	405	52	83	22	4	10	44	5	.205
Hutto	57	92	7	17	2	0	3	12	0	.185
Ryan	46	134	14	24	8	0	2	11	0	.179
Compton	47	110	8	18	0	1	1	7	0	.164

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	161	24	8	1461	1483	538	1047	73	88	4.17
Hoerner	44	0	0	58	53	20	39	9	5	2.64
Selma	73	0	0	134	108	59	153	8	9	2.75
Lersch	42	3	0	138	119	47	92	6	3	3.26
Fryman	27	4	3	128	122	43	97	8	6	4.08
Bunning	34	4	0	219	233	56	147	10	15	4.11
Wise	35	5	1	220	253	65	113	13	14	4.17
Short	36	7	2	199	211	66	133	9	16	4.30
Wenz	22	0	0	30	27	13	24	2	0	4.50
Wilson	37	0	0	58	57	33	41	1	0	4.81
G. Jackson	32	1	0	150	170	61	104	5	15	5.28
Palmer	38	0	0	102	98	55	85	1	2	5.47

FRONT ROW: Bobby Wine, Jim Fairey, Rusty Staub, Coach Dick Williams, Coach Jerry Zimmerman, Manager Gene Mauch, Coach Jimmy Bragan, Coach Cal McLish, Ron Brand, Claude Raymond, Ron Fairly.

SECOND ROW: Trainer Joe Liscio, Boots Day, John Strohmayer, Dan McGinn, Gary Sutherland, Bill Stoneman, Coco Laboy, Marv Staehle, Mike Marshall, Don Hahn, Clyde Mashore, Equipment Manager Harvey Stone, Traveling Secretary Gene Kirby.

THIRD ROW: Ron Piche, Jim Gosger, John O'Donoghue, Carl Morton, John Bateman, Howie Reed, Steve Renko, Rich Nye, Adolfo Phillips, Mike Wegener, Mack Jones, Bob Bailey.

ABSENT: John Boccabella

● When the Expos lost 10 of their first 11 games in April another 100-loss season seemed a sure thing. They perked up after an 11-game losing streak in June and actually managed to get out of the cellar now and then while playing .500 ball the last three months.

Gene Mauch, a master of the platoon and the scrambled lineup, was in his glory as he plucked batting orders out of the air, moved one catcher to shortstop and another to first base, juggled outfielders and delighted the many fans who streaked into Jarry Park.

Bob Bailey, Ron Fairly and Rusty Staub were the big hitters while Carl Morton and Steve Renko topped a weak pitching staff that seldom had a complete game.

The Expos proved particularly rough on the Mets and their ace, Tom Seaver, whose 16-game win streak over two years was snapped by Dan McGinn May 11. The Expos wound up winning the season series from the defending champions.

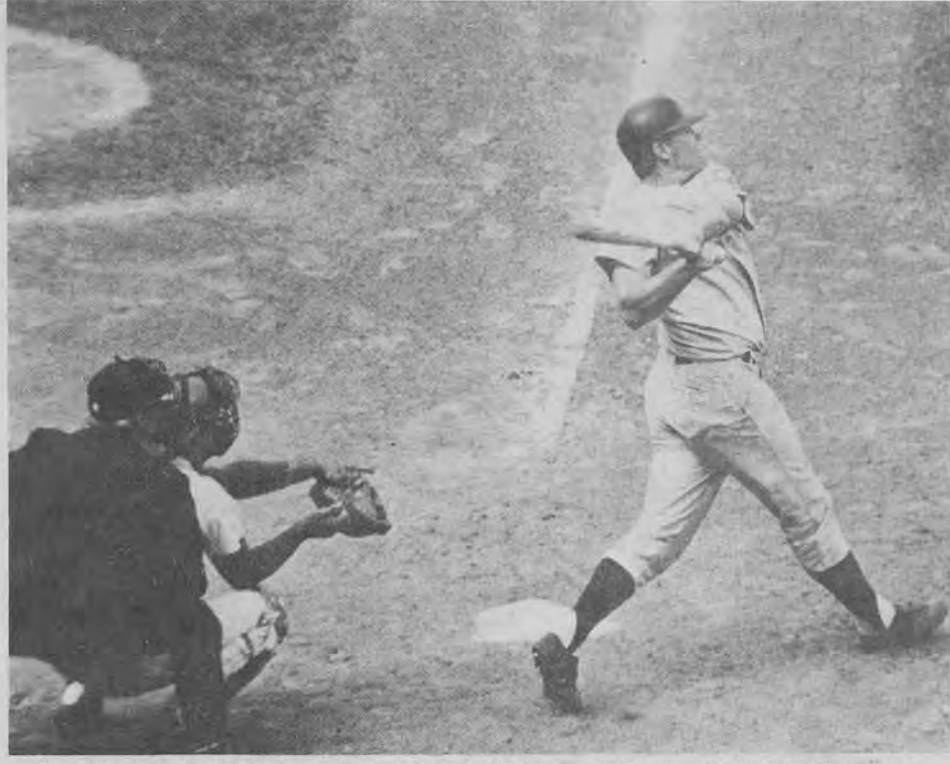
When Mauch opened the season he considered Bill Stoneman, Steve Renko, Joe Sparma and Jim Britton as his starters. Britton, ex-Brave, underwent elbow surgery in spring training and was lost for the year. Sparma, acquired from Detroit, was 0-4 when he was shipped to Buffalo. Stoneman went from June 18 to Sept. 5 without a win and was the big loser of the staff.

Morton, moved out of the bullpen after the first weeks of the season, was a revelation. The former outfielder won 10 games in the first half and had a shot at 20 until late September. Renko spent time in the relief ranks in May and June but finished with some strong games. Claude Raymond and Howie Reed did an effective job in the pen. Lefty Dan McGinn had his moments.

Bailey played left field against left-handed pitchers and replaced Coco Laboy at third base against right-handers in the final months. The former bonus baby, hitting only .148 June 7, slugged the ball at a .456 clip in July and .327 in August and was a solid homer-RBI man as the cleanup hitter.

Ron Fairly had an outstanding year until he suffered a broken bone in his right foot in August and missed about six weeks. John Boccabella moved from catcher to first, sharing the job with outfielder Jim Gosger and sometimes Bailey while Fairly was out. Gary Sutherland and Marv Staehle platooned at second base. Bobby Wine was the shortstop most of the way with occasional help from catcher Ron Brand. Laboy was a major disappointment, hitting around .200 most of the way.

Rusty Staub in right field was the only fixture in the outfield. Mack Jones, Jim Farrey, Gosger and Bailey did time in left and Adolfo Phillips and Boots Day split the work in center.



Rusty Staub belted 30 home runs and drove in 94 runs as the Expos, although finishing last again in the NL East, won 21 more games than they did in their maiden voyage of '69. Ron Fairly and Bob Baily also had good years at plate while ex-outfielder Carl Morton won 18.

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BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
TEAM	162	5411	687	1284	211	35	136	646	65	.237
Fairly	119	385	54	111	19	0	15	61	10	.288
Bailey	131	352	77	101	19	3	28	84	5	.287
Staub	160	569	98	156	23	7	30	94	12	.274
Boccabella	61	145	18	39	3	1	5	17	0	.269
Day	52	116	16	31	4	0	0	5	3	.267
Gosger	91	274	38	72	11	2	5	37	5	.263
Hahn	82	149	22	38	8	0	0	8	4	.255
Fairey	92	211	35	51	9	3	3	25	1	.242
Jones	108	271	51	65	11	3	14	32	5	.240
Phillips	92	214	36	51	6	3	6	21	7	.238
Brand	72	126	10	30	2	3	0	9	2	.238
Bateman	139	520	51	123	21	5	15	68	8	.237
Wine	159	501	40	116	21	3	3	51	0	232
Staehle	104	321	41	70	9	1	0	26	1	.218
Sutherland	116	359	37	74	10	0	3	26	2	.206
Laboy	137	432	37	86	26	1	5	53	0	.199

PITCHING

	G	CG	Sh.O	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
TEAM	162	29	10	1439	1434	716	914	73	89	4.50
Reed	57	0	0	89	81	40	42	6	5	3.13
Morton	43	10	4	285	281	125	154	18	11	3.60
Marshall	28	0	0	70	64	33	43	3	8	3.86
Nye	14	2	0	54	60	26	26	3	2	4.17
Renko	41	7	1	223	203	104	142	13	11	4.32
Raymond	59	0	0	83	76	27	68	6	7	4.45
Stoneman	40	5	3	208	209	109	176	7	15	4.59
Strohmayer	42	0	0	76	85	39	74	3	1	4.86
Dillman	18	0	0	31	28	18	17	2	3	5.23
Wegener	25	1	0	104	100	56	35	3	6	5.28
O'Donoghue	9	0	0	22	20	11	6	2	3	5.32
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"They drafted me No. 1," he said while negotiating with the Rooneys. "They must have wanted me. I have a figure I expect to get and I'm sure they have a figure they expect to pay. If I needed the money, I might be getting a little anxious. But I'm making enough to pay expenses and write checks."

Terry wound up with considerably more than enough to pay expenses. You get a rough idea of the kind of a businessman Bradshaw is from his comments about an incident in his home town.

"Back home they don't care if I never draw another breath," he told a Pittsburgh writer. "I go downtown and no one looks at me. This guy who sells cars gave me $400 to make an appearance. He put ads in the paper: 'Come and get Terry Bradshaw's autograph.' Know how many autographs I signed in two days?

"Four.

"That's $100 an autograph. I said to him, 'Hey, let's do this again.'"

After the contract was signed, Terry made yet another trip to Pittsburgh in the off season for a minor operation that forced him to miss the College All-Star game at Chicago. He had a calcium deposit removed from his right thigh, the result of a pulled muscle he sustained during practice for the North-South All-Star game last December.

"I don't think about that pressure of being No. 1," he said when he went home to Shreveport to await the opening of the training season. "I always have been taught that pressure is self-made. All I want to do is go up there and do the job.

"I'm not going to tell people that I'm going up there and run Terry Hanratty and Kent Nix out of a job. But I will say I'm going to try my best to win that No. 1 job. I know one thing. Pittsburgh has been a loser and I'm not figuring on going up there to play with a loser. I think I am a leader and I'm looking forward to the challenge and to justify their faith in making me their No. 1 draft pick."

In the Steelers' pre-season prospectus it was written:

"Bradshaw probably will not begin paying any dividends until a few years hence. That has been the history of most quarterbacks from, say, Bart Starr to Joe Namath. He will join in the battle with Terry Hanratty, Dick Shiner and Kent Nix."

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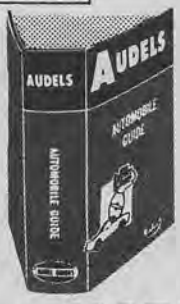

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When the Steelers opened their exhibition season against the Miami Dolphins, Bradshaw was on the bench and Kent Nix was the starter. Dick Shiner already had been traded away to the New York Giants. Bradshaw played the second and fourth quarters, completing nine of 19 for 92 yards and had one interception.

"I loved every minute," he said. "I ache all over. My head hurts, my neck and ribs are sore but I feel great. I just can't wait for the next game. Boy, those safeties really zing you, don't they? They go right for your head every time."

Although the Dolphins won that game 16-10, Joe Thomas, the Dolphin's veteran and astute talent scout, commented, "I never saw a rookie with more poise. He makes a lot of veteran quarterbacks look like novices."

Don Shula, the Miami coach, said, "I've been a Bradshaw man all along. He is going to be a great one. He's tough and strong. Not only does he have a strong arm but he has great all-around ability."

As it turned out that was the only exhibition game the Steelers were to lose. Bradshaw was the starter the following week against the Minnesota Vikings.

"When I first came here I was scared to death," Terry said after his first pro game. "I knew I'd have to prove to the veterans that I could throw the football and be a leader.

"They keep saying the Steelers are losers—always have been losers—and I ask myself 'can I make the Steelers winners?' Yes, I think I can. Gol-lee I'd better.

"I'm confident, not cocky. Actually I'm a jolly kind of fellow. I don't take things too seriously. To me football is a blast. I just love what is happening. I can't wait for the next game."

In the second game with the Vikings, won by Pittsburgh 20-13, Terry completed 12 of 30 but had three picked off. When he completed one pass, despite a blitz by the Vikings' Alan Page, he turned to Page and said, "That was a good blitz. Too bad it didn't work."

The next game was the first at new Three Rivers Stadium for the Steelers and the opposition was an old traditional rival from the NFL days, the New York Giants.

Bradshaw had his best day, completing 15 of 23, including a 37-yard perfect bomb to Ron Shanklin for his first pro touchdown.

After the game, Ray Mansfield, the Steelers' veteran center, was telling newsmen about Bradshaw's pre-game comments.

"He knelt down in the huddle and talked about the new stadium and how important it was for us to win the first game in the new stadium. He explained just exactly how we're going to win and how he intended to do it. He's so sincere about it. The guy doesn't seem to realize he's talking to a bunch of veterans who haven't heard a pep talk since they left college. He makes you feel you've got to go out there and break your neck to keep the other team off his neck."

Bradshaw impressed the Boston Patriots the following week, 31-3, scoring a touchdown with one of those runs that excited the scouts who saw him perform for Louisiana Tech down in Ruston, La. in his college days.

Hopes were high in Pittsburgh for a long-awaited championship when the Steelers knocked off the Oakland Raiders 20-6 in their final exhibition game for a 4-1 record. Bradshaw threw two touchdowns to Ron Shanklin of 53 and 11 yards. He also broke loose for an 89-yard run that was cut to 25 yards when an official caught him stepping out of bounds.

Unfortunately for the Steeler fans and the overloaded Bradshaw bandwagon, the regular season turned out to be a different story. Some of the fears that had been expressed about a rookie's problems in the NFL began to be realized.

Maxie Lambright, Terry's college coach at Louisiana Tech, had said during the summer, "Terry is a strong, natural passer with a lot of courage but he is facing a transition. He always has been a great physical player who didn't mind keeping the ball and running. He'll have to be more careful or some 260-pounder will give him a rough time. He'll have to learn not to turn the ball loose without recognizing the defense."

Despite the 19-7 loss to Houston in the regular season opener, Bradshaw was not discouraged. He was intercepted once and was forced into the end zone for a safety.

"I don't think it's any different than the exhibitions," he said. "They didn't seem to be coming any harder. I just wasn't throwing the ball. I wasn't nervous. I've been down this road before and come back. I think everybody learned something. Losing will make winning that much sweeter."

It was another loss the following week at Denver 16-13 but Bradshaw completed 13 of 26 for 211 yards. Once again he was dropped for a safety when he was tackled in the end zone by rookie Dave Washington.

The third game at Cleveland turned out to be an unexpected duel between Bradshaw and young Mike Phipps of Purdue who was drafted by the Browns as the result of a deal that cost them Paul Warfield. Phipps came off the bench after Don Gault, filling in for injured Bill Nelsen, failed to move the Browns. Phipps brought the Browns home on top 15-7 and once again Brad-

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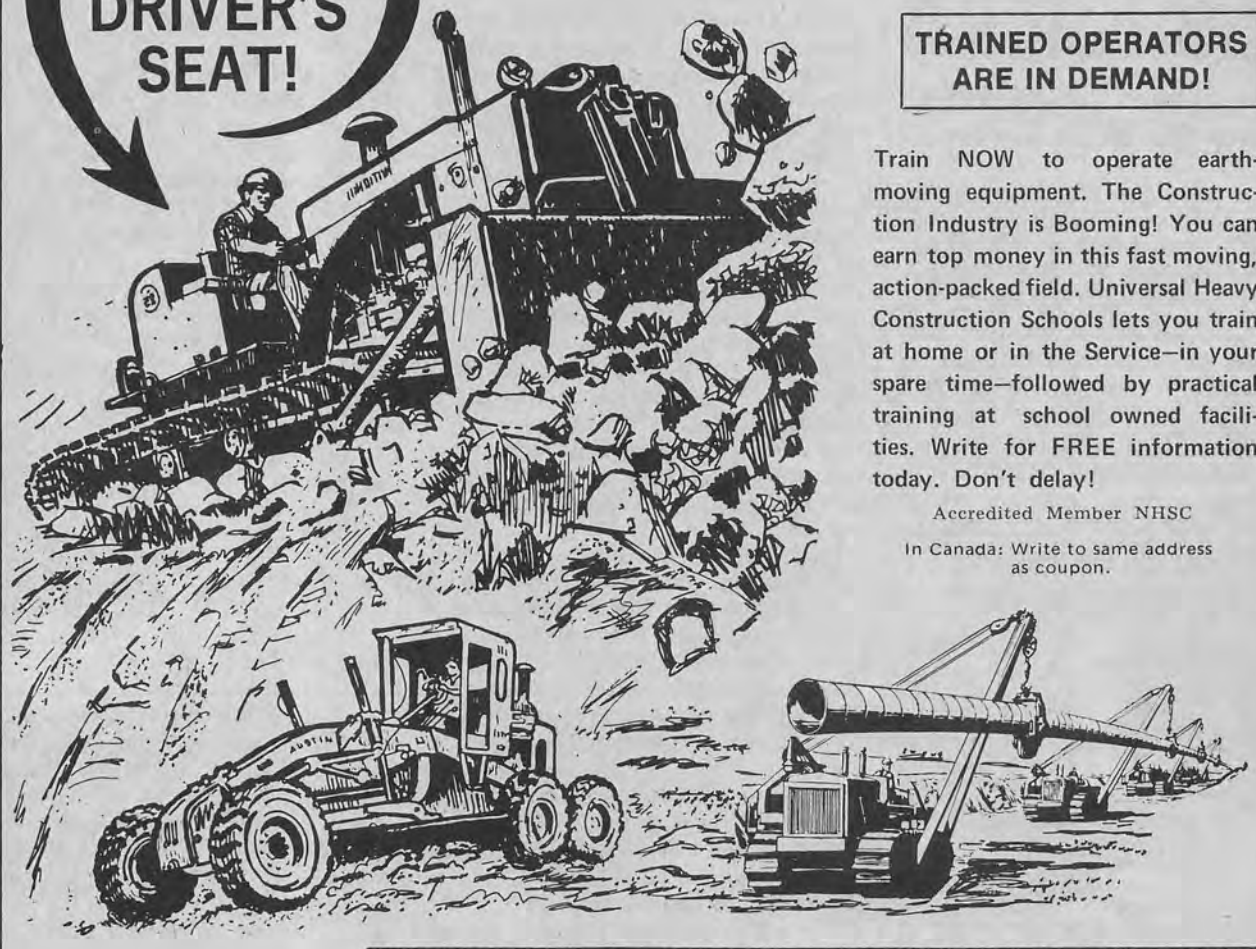

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shaw was dropped for a safety for the third straight game.

The disappointing start didn't get Bradshaw down although coach Chuck Noll had shifted over to Terry Hanratty on a couple of occasions to give him some breathing room. "They're still not doing anything that I haven't seen before," commented Terry.

Throwing a rookie quarterback into a sink-or-swim situation is nothing new in pro football. The expansion Minnesota Vikings did it with Fran Tarkenton and he survived to become an outstanding quarterback. The Washington Redskins did it with Norm Snead who spent most of that first year on the flat of his back, contemplating the heavens. There are those who claim that the rugged treatment in that rookie year had a permanent affect on the career of Snead, who was traded to Philadelphia in 1964 in the Sonny Jurgensen deal.

Los Angeles drafted Bill Munson No. 1 out of Utah State and coach Harland Svare moved him into a starting role as a rookie in 1964. After George Allen took over in 1965 he shifted to Roman Gabriel and Munson eventually was swapped to the Detroit Lions in 1968 for the much-traveled Milt Plum.

Paul Brown took Greg Cook out of the University of Cincinnati and tossed him into the starting job as a rookie in 1969 and got away with it. However an injury removed Cook from the scene in 1970. Bob Griese took over at Miami in his first year and so did John Hadl at San Diego.

For the most part, it is a long, long trail before a young quarterback finally gets his chance to become a regular in the NFL.

Joe Namath was another exception with the New York Jets. After signing that $400,000 contract with Sonny Werblin, Broadway Joe played regularly in his first year. However, despite his quick release and obvious potential, it took Namath a few years to really come into his own as the top passer in the old AFL.

Even the great Bart Starr sat at Green Bay behind Tobin Rote, Babe Parilli and Lamar McHan before the late Vince Lombardi promoted him to No. 1 in the second half of his fourth pro year.

Len Dawson really struggled before he made it. Drafted No. 1 by Pittsburgh in 1959, Dawson wandered from Pittsburgh to Cleveland before he finally found his niche at Kansas City. It was not until after the Super Bowl victory at New Orleans last January that he really was accepted as a top flight quarterback.

Of course, the glaring example of all time is John Unitas. Everybody knows the story of Unitas who was cut by the Pittsburgh Steelers, played sandlot ball in a Pittsburgh suburb and finally got his chance as a free agent with Baltimore for the cost of a $1.20 telephone call.

Steve Spurrier, a Heisman Trophy winner in college, still is sitting behind John Brodie at San Francisco and Terry Baker, another Heisman winner, never did make it. Gary Beban, the 1967 Heisman winner at UCLA, was switched to a receiving role and finally was cut by the Washington Redskins last fall.

Joe Kapp didn't even bother to try it in the U.S. and took off for the Canadian League until the Vikings lured him back after trading Tarkenton away. And George Mira, one of the most publicized collegians at Miami, was a disappointed bench sitter at San Francisco for years before he was traded to Philadelphia. The Eagles cut him and his big contract last fall.

If Terry Bradshaw is tempted to become discouraged because the pro football world didn't topple into his arms at the start of his rookie year, he shouldn't get discouraged. Everybody agrees he has the stuff to make it big if he'll just bide his time.

All Terry has to do is look at the record book in Pittsburgh. John Unitas, Earl Morrall, Jackie Kemp and Bill Nelsen all slipped through the Steelers' grasp. With a $300,000 contract he is there to stay.

"All along I wanted to start out with a loser," he said before he signed. "I wanted to go some place like Pittsburgh where, if I made it, they would make it with me."

WHY WALT FRAZIER RATES OVER THE BIG O

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to work with in the championship competition until he joined the Bucks. But when he had Russell and Chamberlain to play with in the All-Star games, he wound up as the dream game's MVP three times for his sterling all-around play, which included setting up the big men.

To say that he was delighted to get away from Cincinnati's Royals and coach Bob Cousy and land in Milwaukee with Alcindor would be the understatement of the year. He had become disenchanted with the Cincinnati management and fans although it was at the University of Cincinnati where he gained fame as a three-time All-American. He said he felt Cousy wanted to get rid of him from the very beginning.

"I feel that this move would give me the opportunity I have wanted since the beginning of my career," says Robertson. "I think Lew will be the greatest of

them all. I know it's going to be very rewarding to play with a great center. The Bucks have a real sound team and I hope with my addition we can do even more things.

"Playing against the Bucks last year, I noticed that with a player like Lew, the Bucks were able to run more and play a tighter defense."

As for Cousy and Cincinnati, Robertson claims he became the target of a lot of vicious sniping.

"They said I have a bad attitude, that I don't hustle, that I don't talk to the other players," he recalls. "These were the same things they said about Frank Robinson before he was traded. I would say Frank Robinson is a great athlete."

Frank Robinson, a National League MVP with the Cincinnati Reds, was traded to the Baltimore Orioles. He led the Orioles to a pennant and World Series in his first year with the club—1966—and was named the American League's MVP. He thus became the first baseball player to win this coveted honor in both leagues.

There's no question the Big O hopes to capture a championship-MVP slam with the Bucks.

"I knew Cousy would try to get rid of me," says Robinson in talking about his relations with the famed playmaker of the Boston Celtics who held the record for total assists until Robertson broke it two seasons ago. "Everyone I knew who had talked with Bob or had known him told me the same thing, that Bob didn't like me and would try to trade me. It was strictly a personal thing. He had his mind made up before he got to Cincinnati that he was going to get rid of me."

Cousy denied being anti-Robertson. He said the Royals couldn't afford to meet Robertson's salary demands. He tried to trade Robertson in mid-season to Baltimore for forward Gus Johnson. It was vetoed by Robertson who had a clause in his contract which gave him the right to say yes or no on any deal

The Royals finally unloaded Oscar to the Bucks for sharp-shooting guard Flynn Robinson and Charlie Paulk, an untried forward.

"Cincinnati could no longer afford me anyway," says Robertson. "Money is not something you discover or think about at the spur of the moment. There is a lot of thought that goes into a figure, or asking price."

With newcomers like Pistol Pete Maravich and Bob Lanier being signed to multi-year $1.9 million contracts, and others signing long term pacts in the $1 million range, Robertson and other veteran stars naturally began looking for a greater piece of the action.

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Highly touted as an All-American schoolboy with Crispus Attackus of Indianapolis, Robertson moved on to national fame with the University of Cincinnati and then with the championship Olympic team in Rome in 1960. That squad, the greatest amateur aggregation ever put together, included Jerry West, Jerry Lucas, Walt Bellamy, Bob Boozer, Terry Dischinger, Adrian Smith and Darrall Imhoff, among others. This team won all of its games in the Olympics by margins of 24 points or more.

Robertson, a slick ball-handler, shooter, dribbler, and playmaker was an instant star in the pros, as expected.

At 6-5, and 220 pounds he was taller, heavier, faster and shiftier than the other guards. He couldn't be stopped on the one-on-one and as a result was double and triple-teamed almost from the time he first stepped on the court with the pros.

"They won't be able to do that any more," he says with a smile. "Not with big Lew around, they won't."

This also takes some of the heat off Alcindor, who found two and three opponents ganging up on him most of the time in his first season.

"The other teams won't be able to sag on Lew and forget everybody else," says Robertson.

"I'd say that Oscar has two or three great years left," says Milwaukee coach Larry Costello. 'And, with Alcindor around to get the ball, he may decide he wants to play longer. Oscar will be great for us. He creates situations and he drives to the basket. I think those cracks about him over-controlling the ball are unwarranted. Considering who he played with all those years, you couldn't have expected him to give up the ball all of the time. I'm sure Oscar and Lew will complement each other's talents beautifully and make the team click."

Because of a groin injury that hobbled him at times and his differences with Cousy, who wanted others to control the ball, Robertson had one of his poorest seasons in 1969-70. He played in 69 games—one less than needed to qualify for the season's statistical honors—and averaged 25.3 points per game, 8.1 assists, .511 from the floor and .809 from the foul line. The point average would have placed him sixth in scoring and third in assists if he had required 70 games.

He is third only to Wilt Chamberlain (11 seasons, 27,426 points), and Elgin Baylor (12 seasons, 23,023), on the all-time scoring parade with 22,009 points for 10 seasons. He has the all-time assists record of 7,731, causing some wits to dub him "the greatest playmaker since Shakespeare." The Big O is deadly from the foul line with an all-time percentage of .841, second only to the retired Bill Sharman. His field goal percentage is .489.

The only statistical edge Frazier has over Robertson is in field goal percentage. The 6-4, 205-pounder from Southern Illinois U. has a .499 mark. But cold figures don't tell the true story of Frazier's talents.

They don't list steals yet and when it comes to robbery Frazier rates as one of the most famous since Willie Sutton stopped busting into banks. Sutton got caught too often. They don't bag the mod wonder of the Knicks very often.

He really doesn't look the type. The thick-thighed, poker-faced guard with a sleepy look, still amazes most onlookers with his playmaking, defense, driving and stealing. His hands are as quick as a pickpocket working a subway car during the rush hours.

Even his teammates marvel at his thefts. "Clyde could strip a car while it's going 40 miles an hour," says Phil Jackson, Frazier's wind-mill armed teammate on the court press.

It took Walt about a year and a half to get rolling with the Knicks. There's been no stopping him since. The Knicks wouldn't be surprised if he stole an opponent's sneakers while guarding him.

The Atlanta, Ga. native earned college fame with Southern Illinois U. The Salukis, known as a potent small college team, won the National Invitational Tournament at Madison Square Garden in 1967 and Frazier was named MVP. The Knicks, who had a good look at him on their home court, made him their No. 1 draft choice.

He began to develop as a star when scout Red Holzman succeeded Dick McGuire as coach of the Knicks during the 1968-69 season.

Walt used to dribble from side to side in taking the ball down the court. Holzman showed him how to bring it right down the court.

Before Frazier became the take-charge guy the Knicks long had needed, the New Yorkers used to have trouble penetrating beyond mid-court. They had the ball constantly stolen and they were suckers for the full court press applied by such experts as the Boston Celtics and the Philadelphia team. It was a common sight to see the Knicks blow 15 and 20 point leads in the last quarter.

But when Frazier, called "Clyde" by his teammates for his ball-stealing on the courts and his wide-brimmed hats of the gangster style of the 30's, matured and gained confidence, that all ended.

Frazier not only penetrates. He often goes all the way for driving layups or jumpers from the key. When the opposition comes out to him, he hits his mates with perfect passes.

It's on defense that he shines above all and delights the fans the most.

An unselfish player, his style caught fire with his teammates. They became the sensations of the league and the darlings of New York with their brilliant plays and their desire to hit the open man.

Where the Knicks used to panic under a full court press, under Frazier they spread terror of their own with their own pressing tactics. Frazier, Bill Bradley and Co. know they can gamble on the steal because a teammate invariably is there to back them up.

Look at the figures, and you'll see Frazier's come a long way fast. In his first season, as a reserve, he averaged 9.0 points with a total of 305 assists and 313 rebounds. For 1968-69, it was 17.5 and 635 and 499. For 1969-70, it was 20.9, 465 rebounds and 629 assists.

His scoring average put him a shade out of the top 20. But in assists, his average of 8.2 placed him second only to player-coach Len Wilkens of Seattle (9.1).

At the end of the season he was named to the All-Star first team with Jerry West of the Los Angeles Lakers as Robertson was dropped out for the first time.

When it comes to defense, Frazier rates No. 1. He was the first choice of the coaches on the NBA's All-Defense team for the second straight year. This feature has only been voted on twice so you get an idea of how Walt rates. Robertson wasn't mentioned in either year.

"Actually, there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than separating somebody from the ball," says Walt. "Sometimes when I click for a few quick steals early in the game, the noise of the fans makes me feel like I can do anything.

"I like the crowd reaction. It really does something for your confidence. I get the feeling I'd like to try and guard the whole team myself."

"His philosophy is a lot like what we had on the old Celtics," says John Havlicek, a holdover member of that famed dynasty. "Nobody cared what they scored as long as the team won. I've noticed that when the Knicks win big, Walt's point totals aren't that impressive. But when the game is close and you need a lot of baskets from somebody, he's the guy who gets them."

You couldn't find a better example of that than in the seventh and deciding game of the championship set with the Los Angeles Lakers, won by New York 113-99. Frazier scored the game high of 36 points with 12 for 17 from the field and 12 for 12 from the free throw line. He had a fantastic 19 assists, seven rebounds, and enough steals to be hauled in for grand larceny.

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Sacre Bleu!

Now missing the playoffs by the margin that the Canadiens did is not cause for the city of Montreal to go into mourning. After all, it took a nine-goal, 65-shot final-game explosion by New York against a bleary-eyed Detroit team that had been out celebrating its own clinching of a playoff berth, to give the Rangers a chance at overhauling the Canadiens.

And the team did win 38 games and finished with only seven points less than Boston, which won the Stanley Cup. How bad could things be? The answer is very bad.

There is trouble brewing in the Montreal Forum, not only because the Canadiens missed their annual appearance in the run for Lord Stanley's hardware last spring but because of several other things as well.

The Canadiens share their building with a Junior A amateur team named, appropriately enough, the Junior Canadiens. The junior club has always served as a feeder for the big team and Montreal fans are every bit as attached to stars of the young team as they are to the Beliveaus, Yvan Cournoyers and Rogatien Vachons of the big club.

Last year, the Junior Canadiens' No. 1 man was Gilbert Perreault, a rangy center who is termed by knowledgeable hockey men as the second coming of Beliveau.

Perreault was the leading scorer in the Ontario Hockey Association with 51 goals and 70 assists. His move this season into the National Hockey League was considered certain. And, of course, he made it. He is wearing the uniform of the Buffalo Sabres.

The Buffalo Sabres? Yes, the Buffalo Sabres. Gilbert Perreault, French background and all, was drafted by the expansionist Buffalo Sabres in the NHL's universal amateur draft last June.

The universal amateur draft puts every hockey player in Canada up for grabs when he turns 20. Buffalo and Vancouver, the NHL's two newest teams, flipped for the No. 1 pick and the Sabres won. All of which adds up to Perreault scoring goals against the Canadiens instead of for them.

There was a time when Perreault never would have gotten away from Montreal. But the NHL's Board of Governors came out of the dark ages a few years ago and made two vital changes in the rules, both of which submarined the Canadiens.

First, the Governors did away with the long-standing rule that gave Montreal first call on any two amateurs of French descent in the province of Quebec. For years, French-Canadian boys were off limits to all other NHL teams. The Canadiens argued that the rule was vital for nationalistic purposes and for many years the league's Governors went along with it.

The other rule change was the introduction of the universal draft which did away with sponsored teams. Before the draft came along, NHL clubs would sponsor amateur teams and would naturally have first call on their sponsored teams' talent.

Now, all players are exposed to the draft and sponsorships have been done away with. That means a boy like Perreault can play on a Canadiens' affiliate for four years and then, when he is ready to turn professional, wind up in an entirely different organization.

The Canadiens fought gamely against both rule changes when they were first introduced but lost the battle. General Manager Sam Pollock, aware of what the two changes would mean to his club, tried desparately to circumvent them by arranging package deals with other clubs.

Pollock, for example, knew that Perreault was certain to be drafted by either Buffalo or Vancouver. And he was prepared to package three or four players from the Canadiens to one of the new clubs for their No. 1 amateur draft pick who would, of course, be Perreault. But the NHL knew that the new teams would be susceptible to such offers and made still another ruling preventing the Canadiens from getting Perreault.

The No. 1 draft choice, the league ruled, could not be traded for three years. That means that there is no way Pollock can get Perreault away from the Sabres until 1973 and he probably won't be able to do it then either.

Pollock, frustrated by the rules changes and angered by the Canadiens missing the playoffs, jumped into the player market with both feet last summer. Usually aloof from wheeling and dealing, Montreal did a turn-about this time. They traded away defenseman Ted Harris and right wing Bobby Rousseau—two regulars on four Canadien Cup winners—to Minnesota for Billy Collins and Claude Larose—and swapped three more players to Los Angeles for Leon Rochefort.

Harris, 34, was dispatched because of his age, Pollock said. Two years ago, the

big belter was an all star. Rousseau, who had 200 goals for the Canadiens including 24 last year, was just dispatched.

More likely than not, Rousseau sealed his fate when he questioned a directive from coach Claude Ruel last year. Dick Duff and Gump Worsley also found themselves wearing different uniforms shortly after they got into disagreements with Ruel and/or the Canadiens' front office.

Ruel, angered over a loss last New Year's Eve in Pittsburgh, gave the word that there would be a practice the next day at the Forum. Rousseau wen to him and protested a decision that would take the players away from their families on New Year's Day. Goodbye, Bobby.

Worsley had refused a demotion to the minors where he could play himself back into shape and there was considerable sympathy among the Canadiens' players for Worsley's refusal to go.

Duff ran into a wave of physical and personal problems which cut into his effectiveness and the front office unloaded him too.

The key man here, it seems, is Ruel, the round little coach behind the Montreal bench. Claude succeeded Hector "Toe" Blake, a hockey Hall of Famer who demanded and got unquestionable respect and dedication from his athletes. Anything less than that simply wasn't tolerated.

But Ruel, although he has proven himself a capable coach, simply does not ooze the uncompromising authority with the players that Blake did. Certainly Rousseau would never have thought of approaching Toe and questioning the decision to hold a workout.

Claude, whose promising playing career was ended by a stick accident, is simply not the imposing man that Blake is. Never more than a super scout in the Canadiens' farm system, he does not have the image that years of being an NHL star lend to Blake.

Ruel was aware of the shoes he had to fill in his first year and that, as much as anything else, provided the bulk of the pressure which he worked under.

"I must win," he would often tell reporters, after inheriting a team which had finished first and won the Stanley Cup in Blake's last year. "If we do not do as well, it will reflect on me."

The Canadiens did as well in Ruel's first year, repeating both the division and Cup victories. Then came the tumble to fifth and the sour aftertaste of last season.

It is foolish to count the Canadiens out based on their single season of discontent. But the fact remains that there are many problems to be solved by Pollock and Ruel. And if they don't find the solutions, well, Jarry Park is always nice in April.

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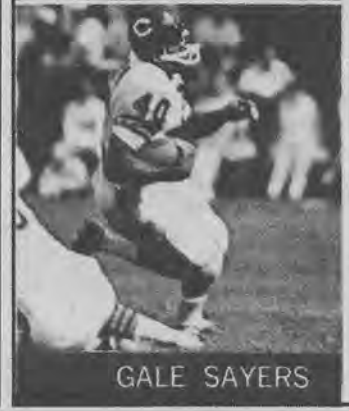

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TEN MEANEST PROS IN ACTION

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When pro coaches and scouts get around to talking about the meanest, toughest players in pro football, they usually bring up the name of Ed Sprinkle, the "Claw" of the Chicago Bears in years gone by.

Y.A. Tittle still remembers Sprinkle's claw—"a left forearm like Sonny Liston's. When you played the Bears you used one eye to look for the receivers and used the other to look out for Sprinkle."

Gino Marchetti, Doug Atkins, Ed Meadows, Bucko Kilroy, Bill Pellington, Sam Huff and Jim Taylor (although he was a runner and not a defender) always get a call from the oldtimers. But many agree on Hardy Brown, a 6-1, 195-pound linebacker who played with the old Brooklyn Dodgers and Chicago Rockets in the All-America Conference and later with the Colts, 49ers, Redskins and Cardinals in the NFL.

"When Hardy hit a guy, it sounded like a rifle going off in the ball park," said a former Cardinal teammate. "He just killed them when he hit them. After he put Glenn Davis out of commission, a bunch of Rams set up a pool to pay the fine of the man that got him. But nobody ever got him."

If the current crop is any less violent than the old boys, you won't hear any modern quarterback admitting it. The name of the game in 1970 still is "Get the quarterback."

Dick Butkus, the fierce middle linebacker of the Chicago Bears, carries on the tradition of the oldtimers. He may very well be the toughest, roughest animal alive in the current NFL. And he also may just be the very best football player in the pro league.

They call Butkus "The Enforcer" around the NFL and he doesn't particularly like to be known as the Bears' policeman. Dick is quiet and reserved by nature but when he pulls on that uniform with old "No. 51" on the front and back he is a man with a mission.

"You read some of the stuff about me," said Butkus on a recent trip to New York, "and you'd think they fed me only a pound or two of raw meat every day and that George Halas had to teach me how to stand up straight. But I don't sign my name with an 'x'. Honest, I like to read and I can write. But I do like contact. I like to hit people."

In one exhibition game with the Cardinals, Butkus was called for four personal fouls and nearly touched off three brawls, drawing bitter complaints from Card coach Charlie Winner.

"They say I act like an animal," Butkus once said. "Well, if a block is clean, that's all right. But when they pull some of that other stuff, somebody has got to stop them. You can't let the other team get away with murder. You don't turn the other cheek in pro football or you're not around very long. Everytime I play a game I play it like it might be my last one."

Doug Buffone, one of the Bears' linebackers who teams with Butkus, described him in this fashion, "He's a mauler. I hit pretty hard but no matter how hard I hit, I don't hit that hard."

If Butkus is No. 1, Ray Nitschke of the Green Bay Packers can't be far behind. They used to call Nitschke the 'madman' but the bald 13-year-old veteran has mellowed a bit since the days when he was the scourge of the old NFL. However, the mellowing is only in degree and Ray still hits with that old abandon

With Willie Davis retired, Lee Roy Caffey gone to the Bears, Herb Adderley to Dallas and Henry Jordan also retired, Nitschke is the chairman of the board in the rebuilt Packer defense.

Nitschke psyches himself up to be ready for that big effort every Sunday afternoon. He still gets the old butterflies in the stomach before a game. "You have to get ready mentally before you can hit people," he said. "It is something that you can't turn on and off like water in a faucet. I start building up early in the week and, by Sunday afternoon, I'm ready."

Getting ready means, for Nitschke, peeling off those horn-rimmed glasses and the store choppers and pulling on that scarred helmet over his balding top. He is truly a wild man on the field, seeking out the ball carrier, dropping back to cover on a pass up the middle, charging head-on into the fullback or taking off after the passer. The Hall of Fame honored Nitschke last year by picking him to the all-time, all-pro team. The only other active players to make the club were Johnny Unitas, Gale Sayers and John Mackey.

One of the real Kamikaze men in the NFL is Mike Curtis, the Baltimore Colts' middle linebacker, a savage ultra-aggressive man cut in the mold of Butkus, Nitschke and Tommy Nobis.

"I like to see blood," Curtis once told a writer. "I like contact. I need to hit people."

Curtis got carried away in practice one day and flattened Terry Cole, a running back. That prompted Don Shula, then still the Colt coach to warn Mike, "Curtis, save that for Sunday."

Curtis tells newsmen stories about his younger days. "When I rode my bike," he said. "The thing I liked best was running into things.

"It's a good thing I'm a football player because that's one place where you can hit people and get praised for it. If you tried it anyplace else, they'd lock you up."

Take away Jim Marshall's scuba diving equipment and his sky diving outfit and he can be as mean as any man when the Vikings' Purple Gang goes after a quarterback. It might be difficult, however, to separate Marshall from the other members of the gang—6-6, 255 Carl Eller, 6-4, 255 Alan Page and 6-5, 255 Gary Larsen.

"You don't always have to make the tackle," said Marshall of his specialty. "The idea is to get the passer but, if you can't dump him, you can at least bother him and make him get rid of the ball before he has sighted his target. The hardest for me to get is John Unitas because he stays in that pocket and leaves it to those big bulls up front to keep you off his back. The strongest is Roman Gabriel of the Rams. One hard hit doesn't even bother him."

Alex Karras, at 35, is in his 12th year with the Detroit Lions. You may be able to nudge him out of the way on a run but every passer in he league knows he is deadly on the rush. Still agile and quick, Karras has more moves than a hula dancer and the killer instinct to make them go.

"I hate all quarterbacks," Karras said. "If they want to protect the passer he ought to wear a ballet outfit and slippers. As long as he has a helmet, jock strap and shoulder pads, I'm going after him."

Opponents of the Los Angeles Rams know they will have to take on Dave (Deacon) Jones, a man who can strike fear into the heart of any quarterback. Jones probably has the fastest and most elusive moves of any defensive end in the league which, coupled with the strength of Merlin Olsen, who plays next to him, make life tough for any passer.

"I'm not a mean man by nature," said the 6-5, 250 Jones, a perennial All-Pro. "But I get paid good money for hitting people. I like to give my employer his money's worth."

Mean Joe Greene is only in his second year in the pros after coming out of North Texas State as the Pittsburgh Steelers' No. 1 draft choice. But already Greene is being hailed as one of the toughest and roughest defensive tackles

Greene was ejected twice in his rookie season, once for lowering the boom on the Giants' Fran Tarkenton and again for engaging in a little fisticuffs with Minnesota's Joe Vellone.

"I don't think I'm mean," he told reporters. "I just get a little energetic out there. I don't know why they call me mean, the man on our club who is really mean is Chuck Beatty, the safety. He just loves to rack them up."

Greene claims the "mean" is a misnomer. He says his school colors were green and they used to call the defensive unit the "mean green." According to Joe it was just a coincidence that his name also was Greene. Few NFL quarterbacks or offensive linemen will buy that explanation.

It wouldn't be fair to call Big Ben Davidson of the Oakland Raiders mean because he really is a friendly person. The handlebar moustache, his 6-8, 280 physique and a wild game in which the Jets' Joe Namath suffered a broken jaw contributed to the reputation.

Around the old AFL, Big Ben had the reputation of being a formidable head hunter but he describes himself as an "easy-going" fellow and likes to tell folks that football is "a good way to make money."

Willie Lanier, the Kansas City Chiefs' 6-1, 245 middle linebacker, is known by his mates as "Contact" because of the ferocious tackles he makes. A fine defender on the pass, Willie hits with abandon in a fashion that discourages receivers and running backs from wandering into his area.

Although Buck Buchanan, Curly Culp, Aaron Brown, Bobby Bell, Willie Lanier and Jim Lynch get the reputation as being the rough men with the Chiefs, many point to Jim Marsalis, the

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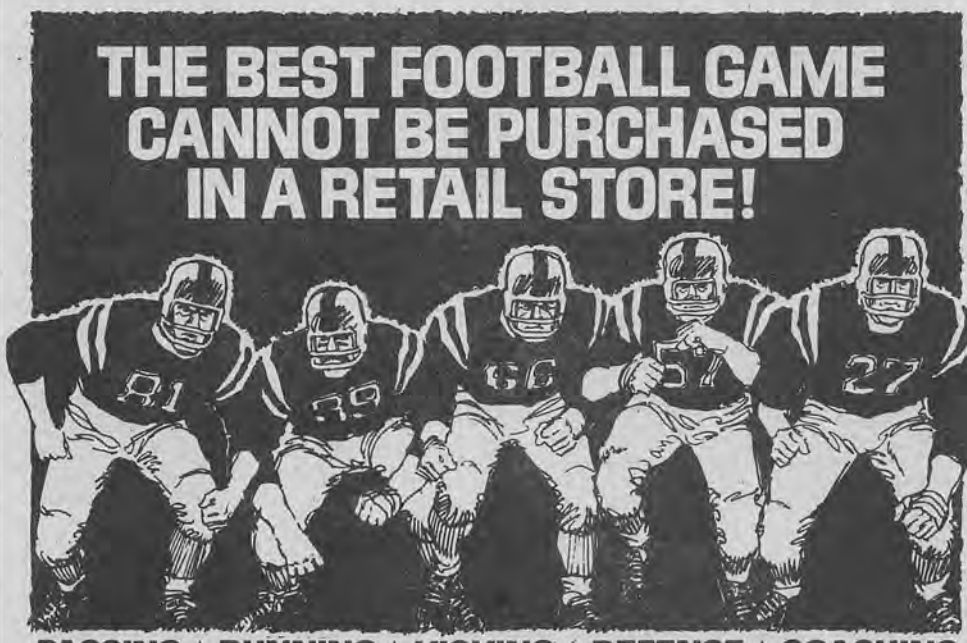

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Rich Jackson, the 6-3, 256 defensive end of the Denver Broncs is another who never plays patty cakes with the enemy. He got to the passer 10 times last year and made 91 tackles.

"I don't enjoy hurting people," Jackson said. "But you want the quarterback to know that you are there. You want to punish him a little."

The Jets have an overly aggressive end in Gerry Philbin, who missed part of the 1970 season because of a shoulder separation. "You've got to want to hurt the quarterback," said Philbin, 6-2, 245. "If I was as big as Verlon Biggs (6-4, 270) I'd be afraid to let myself go."

George Andrie, 6-6, 250, is an underrated pass rusher with a killer instinct who often is overshadowed by Bob Lilly, the 6-5, 260 tackle who plays next to him.

"Your moves or nothing else is going to work," said Lilly, "unless you run over a few people first. You've got to stomp your guy into the ground a few times to get their respect. Then, the moves may work."

And we mustn't forget Bubba Smith, 6-7, 295 of the Baltimore Colts. "I've never seen a big man as quick as Bubba," said Mike Current of Denver. "He just intimidates opponents." They didn't yell "kill, Bubba, Kill, Bubba," at Michigan State for nothing.

Dale Hackbart doesn't even play regular for Minnesota but anybody who has been stung by one of his crushing tackles wonders how a 6-3, 210 pounder can hit that hard. Used as the fifth back in certain defensive situations, Hackbart has a rep for hitting and hitting and then hitting again.

Dave Wilcox, outside linebacker of the San Francisco 49ers is another who often is overlooked in the papers but not by the opposition.

"You don't hear too much about Wilcox," said one of the coaching staff, "but when you sit down to design a game plan against San Francisco, you become very much aware of his presence."

Larry Wilson, veteran St. Louis safety; Fred Dryer, fine second year defensive end of the New York Giants; Chris Hanburger, Washington outside linebacker; Nick Buoniconti, Miami middle linebacker; John Elliott, quick New York Jets' defensive tackle; Mike Lucci, Detroit middle linebacker; Tommy Nobis, Atlanta middle linebacker; Ike Lassiter, Boston defensive end; Elvin Bethea, Houston defensive end; Dan Conners, Oakland middle linebacker and Lee Roy Jordan, Dallas middle linebacker, are among the others who can shake a passer from stem to stern with a rugged, mean tackle.

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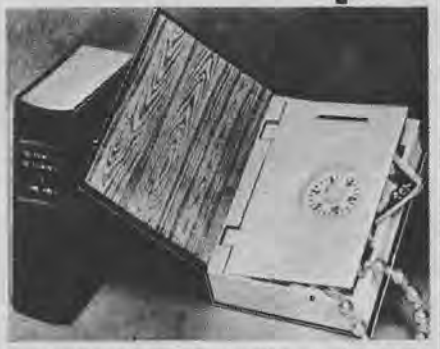

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It took a serious injury—the first in Chamberlain's long and starry career—that could have ended his career, on Nov. 7, 1969, to soften his public image as a villain.

While driving for a dunk shot against Phoenix, he ruptured a tendon of his arthritic right knee and went down in a heap. He appeared through for the season and maybe for keeps.

But Wilt underwent surgery the next day and vowed he would be back "in 13 weeks, give or take a week." It took him closer to 20 but he did make it back into the playoffs. He helped the Lakers to overcome Phoenix 4-3, blitz Atlanta 4-0, and then come within a shade of the title before bowing to the musketeer New York Knicks 4-3.

Even then he played against the wishes of Dr. Robert Kerlan, the favorite surgeon of the athletic set, who said he preferred Wilt to sit it out until the start of the 1970-71 season.

"Right after I got hurt," Wilt recalls. "I had a number of great letters. They were really inspirational. Some of the ones at first made me feel like getting up and walking, they were so nice. My injury sort of endeared me to the fans because it made me a little more human."

The fans might have been a bit warmer to Wilt from the start if they realized it just wasn't his unique height that made him a star. It was practice and body building, hours and hours of it daily to build up his muscles and to perfect the moves that enabled him to use his height efficiently.

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Then it was back to his home in Beverly Hills for more weight lifting and other exercises.

"It was 10 hours of work a day—a lot more work than when I actually played basketball."

And it was painful, too, at times, when Wilt tried to run or when he tried to bend the knee too much.

But it all paid off in Wilt's mind when he made it back on the playing court three games before the playoffs after missing all but the first nine games of the regular schedule.

It seemed he was intent on making up for the debacle of the seventh and final game of the championship final with arch-rival Bill Russell and the Boston Celtics.

If you remember Wilt went to the bench with a wrenched right knee with five minutes to go. Although Wilt repeatedly begged coach Bill Van Breda Kolff to put him back into the game, the coach refused to do so, saying "we're doing all right without you."

The Celtics took the tension-packed finale, 108-106. If it had been the other way around, Wilt might have ended his career.

The defeat was hard enough for Wilt to take but making it even worse was Bill Russell's comment several weeks later that he thought Chamberlain had "copped out in the last series, in the last game.

"An injury short of a broken leg or a broken back isn't good enough," Russell was quoted as saying in a talk on black-white relations at the University of Wisconsin. "When he took himself out of that final game when he hurt his knee, well, I wouldn't have put him back in the game either, even though I think he's great.

"I never said Chamberlain didn't have talent. But basketball is a team game. I go by the number of championships. I play to bring out the best in any teammates. Are you going to tell me that he brought out the best in Elgin Baylor and Jerry West?

"I'd have to say yes and no as to whether criticism about Wilt is justified. No, because people see his potential as greater than it is. They don't take human frailities into considereation. Yes, because he asks for it. He talks a lot about what he's going to do. What it's all about is winning and losing. And he's done a lot of losing. He thinks he's a genius. He isn't."

It must have been on Wilt's mind as he drove himself through his torturous exercises to get into the playoffs. It worked through the eliminations with Phoenix and Atlanta and there were good and bad games against Willis Reed and the Knicks going into the final game of the playoffs in jam-packed Madison Square Garden.

And then there was failure again as the Knicks, inspired by gimpy-legged Willis Reed and higher than a Phantom jet, whipped Wilt and the Lakers 113-99. Reed, who had missed the sixth game because of a painful muscle injury of his right thigh, was given a couple of pain-killing injections before the game.

Then he pumped in his first two shots from outside, forcing Wilt to come out, and the Knicks were off and running. There was no catching them that tumultuous May 8 night. Reed played 21 minutes of the first half and only six in the second but he neutralized Chamberlain and sent the Knicks off flying.

Chamberlain scored 21 points but he was kept back by Reed, who refused to be overpowered and wouldn't let Wilt turn in for his pet fadeaway shots.

"Wilt couldn't get the fadeaway jumper," said Knick Bill Bradley. "We wanted him to try to go to the boards because we knew Willis wouldn't let him. And then we took the ball away from him, too. They had to be overconfident coming in; then we psyched them."

"You've got to give Reed credit," said downcast Jerry West of the Lakers. "He really didn't let Wilt turn in."

For Chamberlain it was another bitter memory. Couldn't he have gone in more on the gimpy Reed? "It doesn't matter what I could have done then. It's over now."

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the second game, carrying a 4-3 lead into the top of the ninth when he led another seven-run explosion, mainly at the expense of Perranoski. The burly southpaw had stopped the Orioles in the season without a run in 15 1/3 innings.

In the eighth inning Baltimore manager Earl Weaver accused Perranoski of applying pine tar to his left hand. Umpire Tom Haller ordered Perranoski to wash the hand. Ron said it wasn't pine tar—just mound resin and spit. Nevertheless he had to wash the hand. He retired the Orioles in the eighth but in the ninth they blasted him out.

McNally's leadoff double started it. Mark Belanger's single and a walk with one out filled the bases. Powell lashed a double to the left field corner for two runs. Merv Rettenmund's single drove in another and finished Perranoski. Dave Johnson climaxed the spree with a three-run homer off Luis Tiant.

The final game was a breeze as Palmer chilled the Twins with a 12-strikeout, six hitter. The Orioles got to Jim Kaat and rookie Bert Blyleven for five runs in the first three innings. The way Palmer pitched, that was more than enough.

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Tolan singled in the third, stole second (he led the league with 57 in regular season), took third on a wild throw by catcher Manny Sanguillen and scored on loser Luke Walker's wild pitch. Tolan homered in the fifth off Walker and scored the final run in the eighth when he singled off reliefer Dave Giusti and came home on Tony Perez' double, tumbling head over heels.

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walk to Willie Stargell and a single by Al Oliver.

But the Reds came right back in their half when Tolan walked and Perez and Bench followed with back-to-back homers, the 12th time Cincinnati pulled the trick. Pittsburgh tied it at 2-2 in the fifth on a single by Matty Alou, a wild pitch by Tony Cloninger and a single by Willie Stargell.

There were two out in the eighth when Anderson sent Ty Cline up to hit for his relief pitcher, Milt Wilcox. Cline walked, moved to second on Pete Rose's single and slid home with the pennant-winning run on a close play when Bobby Tolan singled to left. Stargell's throw was just a bit off line and Cline slid in under Manny Sanguillen.

Tolan was the top Red with a .417 average while Richie Hebner's .667 for two games and Stargell's .500 paced the losers.

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the second game, blowing an early 4-0 lead. A big five-run explosion in the fifth inning did it this time. The Birds had six hits in the attack on starter Jim McGlothlin and loser Milt Wilcox, the 20-year-old rookie, but the big one was the two-run double by Hendricks, a wrong-field hit to left by a left-handed batter. Once again Brooks Robinson came up with a sparkler, starting a doubleplay on a shot by Lee May in the third, killing a rally. Dick Hall, fourth Oriole pitcher, turned back the Reds with 2 1/3 hitless innings, saving the 6-4 win for Tom Phoebus.

After a day for travel the Series resumed Oct. 13 in Baltimore where Dave McNally delighted a crowd of 51,733 by going the route and hitting a grand slam homer off Wayne Granger in the sixth. Baltimore went out front early and led all the way in this 9-3 game in which Brooks Robinson made an absolutely unbelievable diving catch of a sixth-inning liner by Johnny Bench. Frank Robinson and Don Buford homered before McNally.

Talking in the clubhouse before the fourth game, Sparky Anderson said of Brooks Robinson, "I'm beginning to see him in my sleep. If I dropped this paper plate (he was having lunch) he'd pick it up on one hop and throw me out."

Cincinnati avoided a sweep by winning the fourth game 6-5 on a three-run homer by Lee May in the eighth inning on Eddie Watt's first pitch of the Series. Brooks Robinson continued red hot at bat with a perfect four-for-four including a homer and a .500 Series average. Clay Carroll was the winner of a brilliant scoreless relief job.

It was no surprise when the Reds blew another 3-0 lead in the final game and finally bowed out 9-3 to Mike Cuellar who allowed only two hits after the first inning. The Orioles roughed up Jim Merritt, starter and loser, and continued to pound a steady stream of relief men for a total of 15 hits.

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HINT: His real name is Samuel Clemens. But he is better known by his pen name.

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Do you know this famous American author's first name? CLUE: This famous American author wrote the book titled "TOM SAWYER". We have completed the top part of this easy word puzzle which spells out his last name. Using the clues you complete the bottom part of the puzzle by filling in the empty squares with the four letters that spell out this famous American author's first name on the coupon below.

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Larry Scott, Mr. Olympia," was a 136-lb. skinny weakling. He wrote for my free information—**just as you should**—and now weighs 205 lbs. with 20-inch arms! One of the world's best-built men ever! **How about you?**

MR. UNIVERSE

Dave Draper, "Mr. America," once was a fat slob—weighing 255 lbs. Then he wrote for my free information and now weighs 235 lbs., 20½-inch arms, a 55" chest, 32" waist. A real champ! **Why wait? Rush!**

MR. UNIVERSE

Reg Lewis, "Mr. Universe," was kicked around because of being skinny. only 138-lbs., and weak. But he sent for free information, now weighs 205 lbs. and is a real champ! **Why not you!**

THEY ANSWERED A WEIDER AD—GAINED 3 INCHES TO THEIR ARMS —4 INCHES TO THEIR CHEST— IN 7 SHORT WEEKS! YOU TOO?

You, too—just like these champions—can now own a handsome, muscular body—fast! You, too, can now finally follow the exact same instructions these champs did, and in just 15 minutes a day, in the privacy of your own home, you can instantly slap on 4 inches to your chest and 3 inches to each arm, give yourself lifeguard shoulders, musculanize your waist, get speedy legs, and exercise your body. The techniques are simple, there's nothing complicated, just downright enjoyable!

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A-C-T-I-O-N is the key to strength—make your first He-Man Decision N-O-W! Fill out the coupon right now, rush it to me, and in hours I will send you absolutely free—at my own expense—the exact same muscle building information I sent to these and numerous champions, and to over 5 million other successful students. I am known as the most successful trainer of champions. I have been turning weaklings into "Mr. America's" and "Mr. Universe's" successfully since 1936. Don't pass up this once-in-a-lifetime proven successful offer to trade in your body for the one you always dreamed of having. Remember, you will be following in the proven, safe, scientific footsteps of the World's Best Built Men. So hurry! Put an end to your weakness now. Send for my sensational free offer—good only to males between 13 and 75 in normal good health. This is the most time-tested, results-producing course of all time!

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ZIP _____
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MAIL COUPON TODAY FOR **FREE** 32 PAGE COURSE!

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Here's the kind of body I want (Check as many as you wish).

- ☐ Bigger arms
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- ☐ More Weight
- ☐ Lose Weight
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If you had mailed this coupon a year ago, perhaps your salary would be up too!

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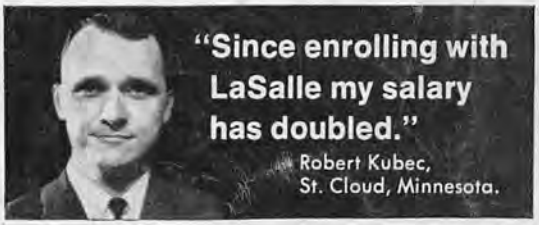

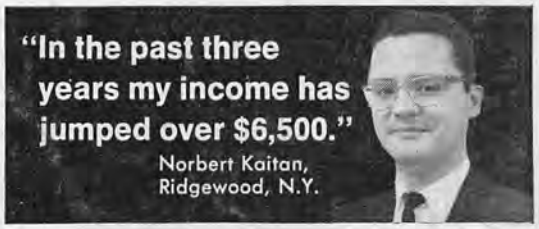

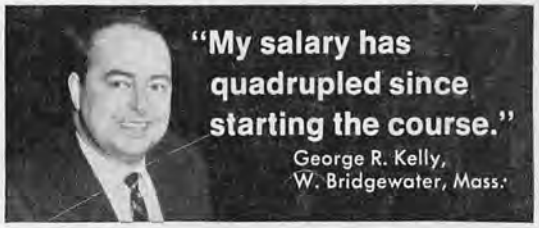

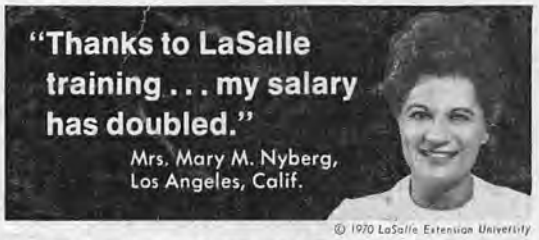

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I'll guide you **step by step** into your own thriving business

● While keeping your present job, would you like to gross $12 or $18 profit per hour?

a true story by Bob Ferrel

SOME YEARS AGO I was a printer in a small Michigan town. I drew a pretty fair pay check but it wouldn't stretch far enough to provide the kind of living I wanted for my wife and five children.

Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence... and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical, but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my own business was so much easier than I had always thought . . . why the day to day guidance of a successful worldwide organization could assure my own success.

I read the booklet several times. It just seemed too good to be true. I talked it over with my wife. We decided that **now** was the time to make the forward step . . . there was no reason to keep postponing an income increase.

So, I applied for a Duraclean dealership and I was accepted. I stayed with my job . . . ran a few ads . . . sent some mailings . . . contacted a few stores and told my friends about the superior services I was now equipped to give them. Evenings and Saturdays, I rendered the service. As the business grew, I added servicemen.

I found that I didn't have to develop a single idea myself. Every step had been prepared for me and pre-tested. Hundreds of other men had already proven my methods successful.

It didn't take long to see that I was making three to four times (yes, 3 to 4 times) as much per hour in my own business as in my printing job. So, after only seven months with a good following of customers, I quit my job to go full time on my own. In the meantime, I had enjoyed all this extra income on top of my salary.

Each day, we realized what a **serious** mistake not mailing that coupon would have been . . . and how that little act that seemed so trivial at the time actually changed our lives.

The steadily growing income brought us many things we could not afford before. My efforts were so much more productive. I scheduled my time to my own liking. When we wanted a day or two off, we took it. I worked hard but, if I wanted to be home early or quit at noon, I did.

This is not a business for a lazy man. But if a man is ambitious and will work to deserve those nice things in life we all want, this business is made to order for such a man.

I became so enthusiastic about this business and so appreciative of what it had brought my family that, whenever a man opened a dealership near me, I helped him get a quick start.

The company learned about this and had each new dealer in my section of Michigan spend a day with me. One day the president of Duraclean Company asked me how I would like to move to Headquarters and spend my entire time helping dealers to increase their sales and profits.

That was good news to my ears. Since then I have worked with hundreds of our dealers in their own towns and at regional meetings, conventions and dealer group meetings. But much of the time I am right here at my desk in touch with our dealers by letter and telephone.

Incidentally I sold my dealership at a good profit. Dealers sell their Duraclean businesses for up to ten times their cost. After 30 months, Leo Lubel sold for $7,116 above his cost. If for any reason a dealer wants to sell, we maintain a service to locate buyers and help him sell.

Our job here at headquarters is to show each individual Duraclean dealer how to use his own abilities to bring him greatest success. I know hundreds of our dealers on a first name basis. We work together as one happy family. If you become a Duraclean dealer, I'll be as close to you as your telephone or mail box.

It's Easier than You Think To Build Your Own Business

If you've wanted to BE YOUR OWN BOSS... to become financially independent and have a fast growing income, now YOU CAN. And you own a Nationally Advertised business.

You can stay at your present job while your customer list grows . . . then switch to full time, lining up jobs for your servicemen to do. One job a day brings a good starting income.

If you hire two servicemen (full or part time) while you keep your job, the national price guide provides you a gross profit of $12 an hour on their work and this is much easier to do than you think. **We show you how . . .** step by step. That's $420 for a 35 hour week.

Your gross profit on three servicemen is $18 per hour. Duraclean dealers find it easy to gross $6 per hour on EACH serviceman plus $9 an hour on any service they themselves render. The 24 page illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes **clear net profit.** Your income is limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself . . . or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn . . . easy to start . . . so easy to service that women dealers do it. We prefer you have no experience . . . not have to "unlearn" old ways.

We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you **step by step** how to quickly get customers . . . and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 6 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

These are not ordinary services. You have the prestige and endorsement of leading furniture makers and carpet mills, of Parents' Magazine and McCall's, of Research and Testing Laboratories.

National magazine advertising explains superior merits of **your** services, builds **your** customer confidence and brings job leads to **you.**

We and a Duraclean dealer will train you and assist you. He'll reveal his successful, proven methods. You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Stores, upholsterers, insurance adjustors, and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. These year 'round services are in constant demand.

Start Small, Grow Big in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing . . . a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan . . . and those same men are now enjoying a Duraclean dealership in many communities. You don't experiment. You use **tested, proven** methods. You have **our backing and "know how."**

Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

You can start small and grow big. A third century ago Duraclean was an idea . . . but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service. Why did it spread? (1) **superior processes.** (2) **proven customer-getting methods** (3) **Day to day guidance from Headquarters.**

Our first service, the care of upholstery and carpets not only cleans, it enlivens the fibers . . . revives dull colors. Pile rises with **new life.** There's no harsh machine scrubbing. No soaking. Mild aerated foam lightly applied lifts out dirt, grease, many unsightly spots like magic. Furnishings are used again in a few hours.

Government figures show service businesses are **growing faster** than industries and stores . . . $750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your **5 other services** are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

Less than $1000 establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

Men frequently take in partners.

We furnish electric equipment and, with first shipment, enough materials to **return your TOTAL investment.** If you have good habits and know the importance of customer satisfaction, you can likely qualify for a Duraclean dealership.

TODAY is the time to reserve a Duraclean dealership, **before** someone takes your location.

It's been said, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door." This could be that one rare opportunity in **your life.**

It is surprisingly easy to learn this business. You can decide from the information we will send you whether to apply for a dealership. So, with **no obligation whatever,** mail the coupon TODAY. Cut it out NOW so you won't forget to mail it.

Mail this coupon TODAY
It may put you in business

Duraclean International
1-9N1 Duraclean Bldg., Deerfield, Ill. 60015

With no obligation, mail 24 page illustrated booklet telling how and why I can quickly increase my income and family security **while still employed,** how you'll help finance me. No salesman will call.

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Address_____

City_____

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